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This month's figures show an increase in the number of people in employment but the employment rate is unchanged. The number of unemployed people, the unemployment rate and the claimant count have all increased. The inactivity rate and the number of inactive people of working age have both fallen. The number of vacancies has increased slightly. Growth in average earnings excluding bonuses has increased but earnings growth including bonuses has fallen.

In the latest reference period; the working age employment rate was 74.9 per cent, unchanged on the previous quarter. The number of people in employment increased by 76,000 over the quarter.

The unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous quarter. The number of unemployed people increased by 38,000 over the quarter.

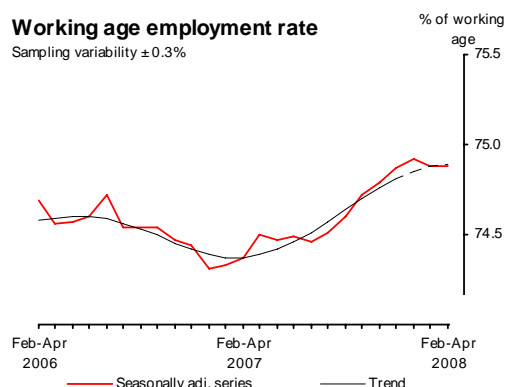
The claimant count was 819,300, up 9,000 from the previous month.

The number of vacancies was 678,600, up 100 from the previous quarter.

The AEI - including bonuses - was 3.8 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. The AEI - excluding bonuses - was 3.9 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month.

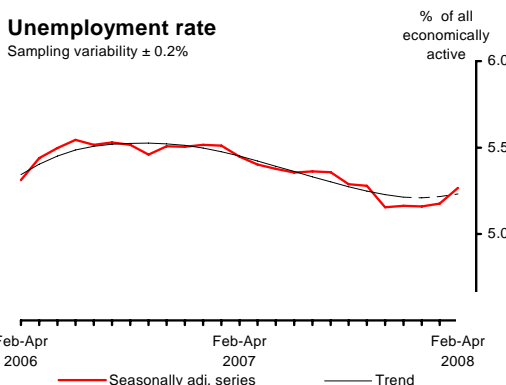
Working age employment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.3\%$



Unemployment rate

Sampling variability $\pm 0.2\%$



UK data (unless otherwise stated) seasonally adjusted

	Reference period	Levels (thousands)	Rates (%)	Changes on period		Sampling variability of changes+		
				Levels	Rates	Levels	Rates	
Employment*	Feb-Apr 08	29,554	74.9	76	0.0	± 100	± 0.3	
Unemployment**	Feb-Apr 08	1,643	5.3	38	0.1	± 63	± 0.2	
Economically active*	Feb-Apr 08	31,197	79.2	114	0.1	± 94	± 0.2	
Economically inactive***	Feb-Apr 08	7,859	20.8	-23	-0.1	± 87	± 0.2	
Claimant count	May 2008	819.3	2.5	9.0	0.0			
Workforce jobs	Mar 2008	31,668		44		..		
Vacancies++	Mar-May 08	678.6	2.6	0.1	0.0	
GB Average earnings								
- including bonuses	Feb-Apr 08		3.8 [#]		-0.2	$\pm 1.2^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.4^{\#\#\#}$	
- excluding bonuses	Feb-Apr 08		3.9 [#]		0.1	$\pm 0.7^{\#\#}$	$\pm 0.2^{\#\#\#}$	

For footnotes, see Background Note 4.

Employment (Tables 2 to 4)

The working age employment rate was 74.9 per cent in the three months to April 2008, unchanged from the three months to January 2008 but up 0.5 percentage points from a year earlier. The employment level was 29.55 million in the three months to April 2008, up 76,000 from the three months to January 2008 and up 446,000 on a year earlier.

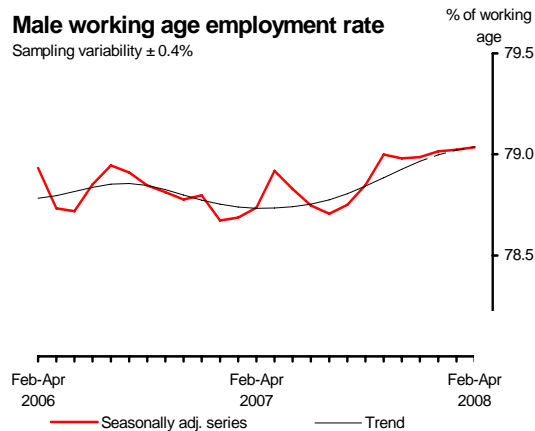
The number of people in full-time employment was 22.04 million in the three months to April 2008, up 80,000 from the three months to January 2008. Of this total, 14.18 million were men, up 61,000 over the quarter, and 7.86 million were women, up 19,000 over the quarter.

The number of people in part-time employment was 7.51 million in the three months to April 2008, down 4,000 from the three months to January 2008. Of this total, 1.80 million were men and 5.72 million were women.

The number of people in public sector employment was 5.76 million in March 2008, down 20,000 from December 2007. The number of people in private sector employment was 23.80 million, up 96,000 from December 2007.

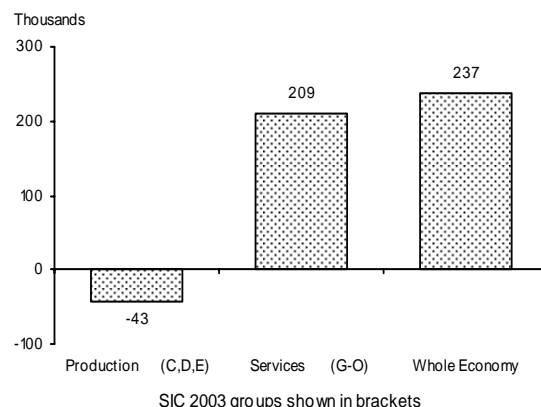
Jobs (tables 5 to 6)

There were 31.67 million workforce jobs in March 2008, up 44,000 over the quarter and up 237,000 on a year earlier. All sectors, except manufacturing, showed increases in jobs over the year. The sector showing the largest annual increase in jobs was finance & business services, which increased by 85,000.



Workforce jobs by industry - March 2008

Change on year from March 2007



Hours (tables 7 and 8)

Total hours worked per week were 943.7 million in the three months to April 2008, up 6.3 million from the three months to January 2008. Average weekly hours worked in the three months to April 2008 were 32.0, up 0.1 from the three months to January 2008.

Unemployment (table 9)

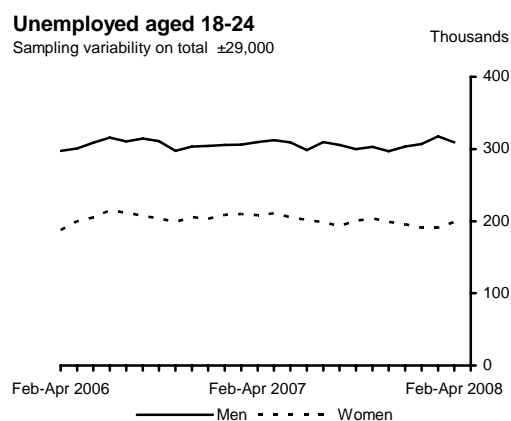
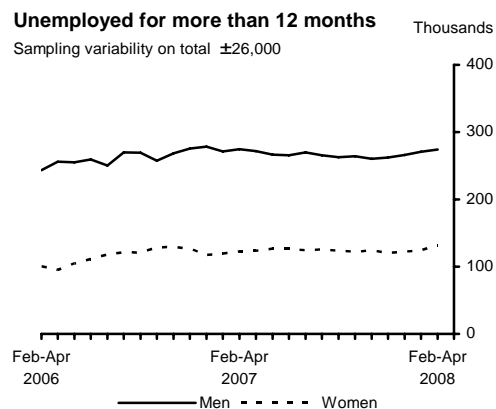
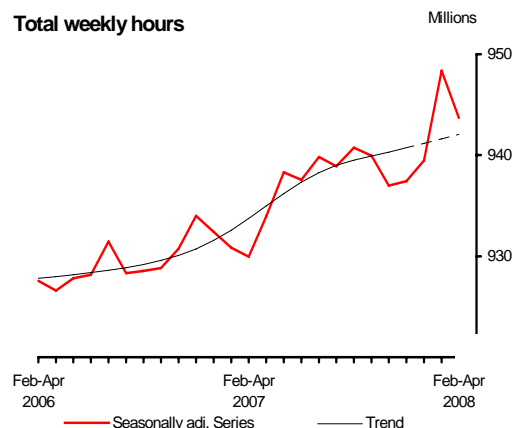
The unemployment rate was 5.3 per cent in the three months to April 2008, up 0.1 percentage point from the three months to January 2008 but down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier.

The unemployment level was 1.64 million in the three months to April 2008, up 38,000 from the three months to January 2008 but down 34,000 from a year earlier.

The number of unemployed men was 938,000 in the three months to April 2008, up 14,000 from the three months to January 2008. The number of unemployed women was 704,000 in the three months to April 2008, up 25,000 from the three months to January 2008.

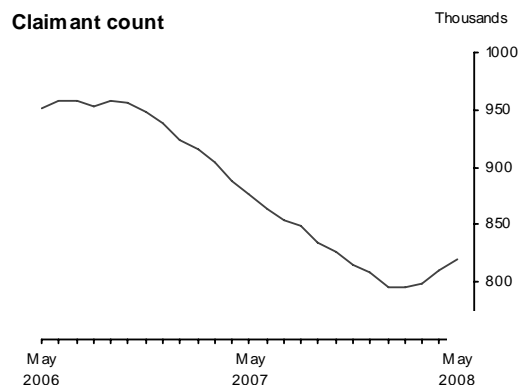
The number of people unemployed for over 12 months was 406,000 in the three months to April 2008, up 23,000 from the three months to January 2008.

Unemployment for 18 to 24 year olds was 508,000 in the three months to April 2008, up 9,000 from the three months to January 2008.



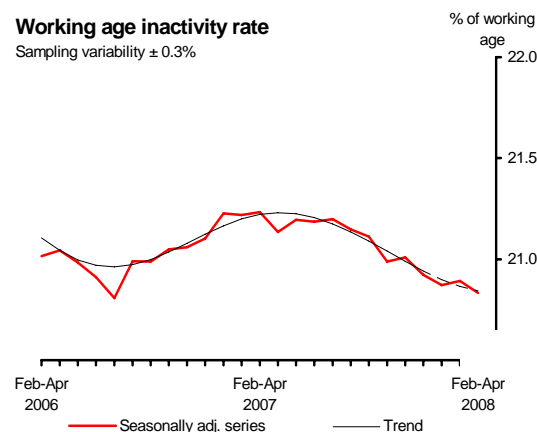
Claimant count (tables 10 and 11)

The claimant count in May 2008 was 819,300, up 9,000 on the previous month but down 58,100 on a year earlier. The claimant count rate in May 2008 was 2.5 per cent, unchanged from the previous month but down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier.



Economically inactive (tables 12 to 14)

The working age economic inactivity rate was 20.8 per cent in the three months to April 2008, down 0.1 percentage point on the three months to January 2008 and down 0.4 percentage points from a year earlier. The number of economically inactive people of working age decreased by 23,000 over the quarter and by 107,000 over the year to reach 7.86 million in the three months to April 2008.



GB average earnings (tables 15 and 16)

In the three months to April 2008, whole economy average earnings, excluding bonuses, increased by 3.9 per cent, up 0.1 percentage point from the previous month. Including bonuses, the increase was 3.8 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the previous month. Corresponding figures for the main industrial categories were:

Manufacturing

3.2 per cent excluding bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points;
3.5 per cent including bonuses, down 0.3 percentage points.

Services

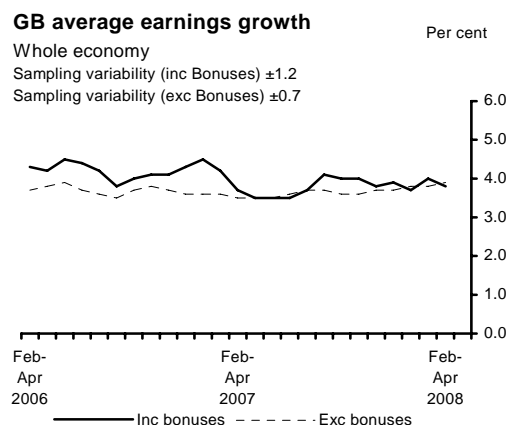
4.2 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points;
4.2 per cent including bonuses, down 0.1 percentage point.

Public sector

4.1 per cent excluding bonuses, up 0.2 percentage points;
3.8 per cent including bonuses, unchanged.

Private sector

3.8 per cent excluding bonuses, unchanged;
3.8 per cent including bonuses, down 0.2 percentage points.



Productivity and unit wage costs (table 17)

Whole economy productivity was 1.7 per cent higher in the fourth quarter of 2007 compared with a year earlier. Whole economy unit wage costs rose by 2.7 per cent over the same period.

Manufacturing productivity rose by 2.7 per cent in the three months to April 2008 compared with a year earlier.

Manufacturing unit wage costs increased by 0.8 per cent over the same period.

Whole economy productivity & unit wage costs



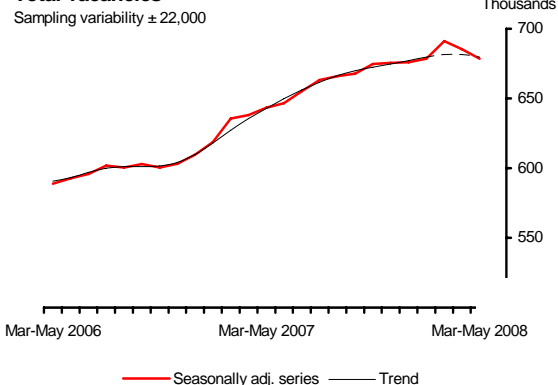
Production industries employee jobs (table 6)

There were 2.89 million employee jobs in manufacturing industries in the three months to April 2008, down 33,000 on the same period a year earlier. Mining, energy and water supply industries jobs increased by 5,000 over the same period to reach 170,000.

Vacancies (tables 21 and 22)

There were 678,600 job vacancies in the three months to May 2008, up 100 from the previous three months and up 35,200 from the same period a year earlier. There were 2.6 vacancies per 100 employee jobs, unchanged from the previous quarter.

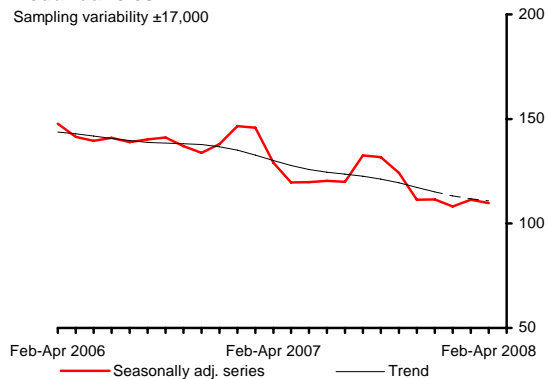
Total vacancies



Redundancies (tables 23 and 24)

In the three months to April 2008, 110,000 people reported they had been made redundant in the three months before their Labour Force Survey interview, down 2,000 from the three months to January 2008. The redundancy rate was 4.3 per 1,000 employees, down 0.1 from the three months to January 2008.

Redundancies



Labour disputes (table 20)

In April 2008, there were 142,000 working days lost due to labour disputes. In the twelve months to April 2008, there were 1.12 million working days lost.

BASIC QUALITY INFORMATION

REVISIONS

There have been some minor revisions to Claimant Count rates, shown at Tables 1A and 10 of this release. These revisions have been caused by the correction of a minor error in the calculation of the denominators used for the calculation of these rates.

KEY QUALITY ISSUES

Detailed information about sampling variability and trends can be found in the following pages.

Summary Quality Report: A Summary Quality Report for this First Release can be found on the website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1354>

Common pitfalls in interpreting series: Expectations of accuracy and reliability in sample surveys are often too high. Revisions and sampling variability are inevitable consequences of the trade off between timeliness, accuracy and the burden on respondents. Details of sampling variability are included elsewhere in this release.

Very few statistical revisions arise as a result of 'errors' in the popular sense of the word. All estimates, by definition, are subject to statistical 'error' but, in this context, the word refers to the uncertainty in any process or calculation that uses sampling, estimation or modelling. Most revisions reflect either the adoption of new statistical techniques or the incorporation of new information which allows the statistical error of previous estimates to be reduced. Only rarely are there avoidable 'errors' such as human or system failures, and such mistakes are made quite clear when they are discovered and corrected.

RELIABILITY

One indication of the reliability of the key indicators in this release can be obtained by monitoring the size of revisions. The tables below record the size and pattern of revisions over the last five years. These indicators only report summary measures for revisions. The revised data itself may be subject to sampling or other sources of error. The ONS standard presentation is to show

five years worth of revisions (i.e. 60 observations for a monthly series, 20 for a quarterly series). The first table covers Employment, Unemployment, Claimant Count and AEI data first published from June 2002 to May 2007. The second table covers Workforce Jobs data first published from June 2000 to March 2005. Spreadsheets giving revisions triangles (real time database) of estimates and the calculations behind the averages in the tables are available on the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1944>.

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 60)	Revisions between first publication and estimates one year later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Employment rate (%)	74.9	60	-0.01	0.04
Unemployment rate (%)	5.3	60	0.01*	0.01*
Claimant count (000s)	819.3	60	0.01	2.37
AEI including bonuses (%)	3.8	60	0.00	0.09

Key Indicator	Value in latest period	Number of observations (maximum 20)	Revisions between first publication and estimates three years later	
			Average over the last five years (mean revision)	Average over the last five years without regard to sign (average absolute revision)
Workforce jobs (000s)	31,668	20	605.8*	605.8*

A statistical test has been applied to the average revision to find out if the mean revision is statistically significantly different from zero; this is indicated by an asterisk (*) in the above tables. One major reason for the significant revisions to the workforce jobs estimates is the introduction of the Annual Business Inquiry, which replaced the old Annual Employment Survey in May 2001. This step upwards of around 1 million jobs was widely publicised beforehand.

Labour market statistics are revised in line with the revisions policy, which is published on the National Statistics website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/Methodology_by_theme/downloads/LM_revisionspolicy.pdf

More information about the revisions material in this release can also be found on the website at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=793>.

THIS MONTH'S RELEASE

There are no significant changes in this month's release.

NEXT MONTH'S RELEASE

There are no significant changes planned for next month's First Release.

SPECIAL

Population estimates in the Labour Force Survey (LFS) data

On 22 August 2007 ONS published the 2006-based mid-year population estimates for the UK, along with revisions to the mid-year estimates for 2002 to 2005. These were followed by the 2007 Quarter 2 experimental quarterly population estimates for England and Wales on 13 September 2007. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates (from July-September 2000) from the November 2007 First Release. On 23 October 2007 ONS published 2006-based national population projections for the UK and its constituent countries. These population estimates have been incorporated into the LFS estimates (from July-September 2006) from the December 2007 First Release.

SAMPLING VARIABILITY

Some of the data in this release are based on sample surveys and are therefore subject to sampling variability. The tables below show sampling variabilities for the Labour Force Survey, the Average Earnings Index and the Vacancy Survey. These sampling variability ranges represent '95 per cent confidence intervals'. It is expected that in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value.

Sampling variability of national Labour Force Survey estimates: February to April 2008

	Level	Sampling variability	Change on quarter	Sampling variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
Employment (000s)	29,554	± 138	76	± 100	446	± 178
Employment rate	74.9%	± 0.3	0.0	± 0.3	0.5	± 0.5
Average weekly hours	32.0	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.2	0.0	± 0.2
Unemployment (000s)	1,643	± 63	38	± 63	-34	± 86
Unemployment rate	5.3%	± 0.2	0.1	± 0.2	-0.2	± 0.3
Economically Active (000s)	31,197	± 130	114	± 94	412	± 167
Economic Activity rate	79.2%	± 0.3	0.1	± 0.2	0.4	± 0.4
Economically Inactive (000s)	7,859	± 121	-23	± 87	-107	± 157
Economic Inactivity rate	20.8 %	± 0.3	-0.1	± 0.2	-0.4	± 0.4
Redundancies (000s)	110	± 17	-2	± 23	-19	± 24

Sampling variability of regional Labour Force Survey estimates: February to April 2008

	Employment Level (000s)	Unemployment Level (000s)	Working age		Working age	Unemployment Rate (%)
			Economically Active Level (000s)	Economically Inactive Level (000s)	Employment Rate (%)	
North East	± 36	± 13	± 36	± 37	± 1.9	± 1.0
North West	± 61	± 20	± 61	± 61	± 1.2	± 0.6
Yorkshire & The Humber	± 52	± 17	± 51	± 51	± 1.3	± 0.7
East Midlands	± 43	± 15	± 43	± 45	± 1.4	± 0.7
West Midlands	± 54	± 19	± 53	± 53	± 1.3	± 0.6
East	± 54	± 18	± 53	± 50	± 1.2	± 0.6
London	± 70	± 27	± 67	± 66	± 1.2	± 0.7
South East	± 63	± 18	± 62	± 57	± 0.9	± 0.4
South West	± 52	± 15	± 52	± 50	± 1.3	± 0.6
Wales	± 41	± 12	± 41	± 41	± 1.8	± 0.9
Scotland	± 52	± 15	± 51	± 49	± 1.3	± 0.6

Sampling variability of the Average Earnings Index: April 2008

Rates (latest three months on same period a year ago)

	Excluding bonuses ¹		Including bonuses ¹	
	Rate	Sampling variability	Rate	Sampling variability
Whole economy	3.9	±0.7	3.8	± 1.2
Private sector	3.8	±1.1	3.8	± 1.5
Public sector	4.1	±0.7	3.8	± 1.0
Manufacturing	3.2	±1.2	3.5	± 1.9
Services	4.2	±0.8	4.2	± 1.5
of which:				
Private sector	4.2	±1.1	4.2	± 1.9

¹ The data exclude payments of arrears of pay.

Sampling variability of the Vacancy Survey estimates

These 95 per cent confidence intervals for the Vacancy Survey results are approximate only, especially those for changes over the year which are more difficult to estimate than those for the levels of vacancies. They nevertheless provide useful guidelines as to the precision of the results. Estimates of sampling variability of changes on three months ago are not currently available, but are expected to be rather less than those indicated for changes on the year.

	Level	Sampling Variability	Change on year	Sampling variability
March - May 2008 average total vacancies				
Level (000s)	678.6	± 22	35.2	± 18
Vacancy ratio				
(per 100 employee jobs)	2.6	± 0.1	0.1	± 0.1
May 2008 single month estimate				
Level (000s)	671.0	± 38	28.7	± 30

TRENDS

Trends, shown in some of the charts in this First Release, are estimated using the standard approach adopted by National Statistics based on the results of its short-term trend research project. In this case, the recommended method is to apply a 13-term Henderson moving average, augmented by two stages of outlier detection and ARIMA modelling, to the seasonally adjusted series. For more information, see *An Investigation of Trend Estimation Methods*, available from the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (see Background Note 2 below for contact details).

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. In addition to the data in this release, ONS can provide a wide range of labour market data in various formats. Historical time series data can be accessed, free of charge, from the **Labour Market Statistics First Release Historical Supplement** at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/OnlineProducts/LMS_FR_HS.asp

and from the **Time Series Data** service at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp>.

Regional and local area labour market data are published every month in spreadsheet format and can be accessed from:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15084>

ONS publishes Labour Market Statistics First Releases for the nine English Government Office Regions and for Scotland and Wales on a quarterly basis in February, May, August and November each year. These releases, together with a monthly Northern Ireland release produced by the Northern Ireland Dept. of Enterprise, Trade & Investment, can be accessed from:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/lms_regional.asp

Further regional and local area labour market data are available from *Nomis*[®] at:

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

Further Labour Force Survey data are also published in the **Labour Force Survey Historical Quarterly Supplement** at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>.

Further labour market data appear in ***Economic and Labour Market Review (ELMR)*** at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/elmr>.

For low cost data tailored to your requirements contact e-Communications (tel: 01329 444366 or email statbase@statistics.gov.uk).

2. Further information on the topics covered in this release is available by contacting the Labour Market Statistics Helpline (tel: 01633 456901 or email labour.market@ons.gov.uk), the Labour Market statisticians (see front page for contact details) or from the National Statistics website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/onlineproducts/default.asp#labour>

3. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the Media Office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to the contents of this release.

4. Footnotes to table on front page.

+ See notes on sampling variability.

* Levels are for those aged 16 and over, rates for those of working age (16-59/64)

** Levels and rates are for those aged 16 and over. Rate is as a proportion of economically active.

*** Levels and rates are for those of working age

.. Not available.

Percentage change latest three months on previous year.

Sampling variability of percentage change for latest three months on previous year AEI figure

Sampling variability of month on month change in latest three months on previous year AEI figure.

++ Levels are averages for latest three months and rates are ratios of vacancies per 100 employee jobs. Changes are comparisons with three months ago.

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CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Actual hours worked: *See hours worked.*

Claimant count: The number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits - since October 1996 this has been the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance. The seasonally adjusted claimant count series, which goes back to 1971 for the United Kingdom, is estimated on a basis consistent with the current benefits regime, i.e. it has been adjusted for discontinuities in coverage. The non-seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 16 and over while the seasonally adjusted series includes all claimants aged 18 and over. This difference in coverage exists because restricting the seasonally adjusted series to those aged 18 and over was the only realistic way of

maintaining the consistent series back to 1971, following a rule change in 1988 which resulted in most 16-17 year olds becoming ineligible to claim unemployment-related benefits.

Claimant count rate at national or regional level: The number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the sum of claimants and workforce jobs in the country or region.

Earnings: A measure of the money people receive in return for work done, gross of tax. It includes salaries and, unless otherwise stated, bonuses but not unearned income, benefits in kind or arrears of pay. Figures are shown both including and excluding bonuses and are seasonally adjusted.

Economically active: People aged 16 and over who are either in *employment* or *unemployed*.

Economically inactive: People who are neither in *employment* nor *unemployed*. This includes those who want a job but have not been seeking work in the last four weeks, those who want a job and are seeking work but not available to start work, and those who do not want a job.

Employment and jobs: There are two ways of looking at employment: the number of people with jobs, or the number of jobs. The two concepts are not the same as a person can have more than one job.

The number of people with jobs is measured by the *Labour Force Survey* (LFS) and includes people aged 16 or over who did paid work (as an employee or self-employed), those who had a job that they were temporarily away from, those on government-supported training and employment programmes, and those doing unpaid family work.

The number of jobs is measured by Workforce Jobs (WFJ) and is the sum of employee jobs (as measured by surveys of employers), self-employment jobs from the LFS, those in HM Forces, and government-supported trainees. Vacant jobs are not included.

The *Review of Employment and Jobs Statistics* highlighted differences between statistics on jobs produced from household and business surveys, and identified many of the reasons why these differences occur. Following that review, a comparison of estimates of jobs from the LFS and the WFJ series is available from the *Labour Market Overview* document at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=1944>

Full-time: In the *Labour Force Survey*, respondents are asked to self-classify their main job as either full-time or part-time. However, people on government supported employment and training programmes that are at college in the reference week are classified, by convention, as part-time. In employer surveys, jobs are generally classified as being part-time if the contracted hours of work are 30 hours or less per week.

Hours worked:

Actual hours worked: Actual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 7, measure how many hours were actually worked. These statistics are affected directly by changes in the number of people in employment and in the number of hours that individuals work. The figures are seasonally adjusted to take account of calendar related absences from work during the reference period. Examples of such absences are public holidays and time off work for family or school holidays. The figures are also affected by other absences from work such as those due to sickness.

The seasonal adjustment of the average hours estimates incorporate adjustments for the timing of Christmas, Easter and other public holidays in relation to the survey reference periods. For example, the data collected for January to March 2008 related to the period 24 December 2007 to 23 March 2008 inclusive and so included the whole of the Christmas and New Year period, plus the first week of Easter. Their inclusion in the January to March 2008 period is known to reduce the average hours worked compared with years when they are not included. The adjustments are estimated using historical data on the impact of each type of calendar effect.

Usual hours worked: Usual hours worked statistics, shown in Table 8, measure how many hours people usually work per week. Compared with actual hours worked, they are not affected by absences and so can provide a better measure of normal working patterns.

Inflows and Outflows: The claimant count records are analysed to provide information about inflows onto the count and outflows from the count on a monthly basis. To make comparisons over time consistent, these figures are standardised to a $4\frac{1}{3}$ week month before seasonal adjustment. These figures for people starting to or ceasing to claim Jobseeker's Allowance can be helpful towards interpreting changes in the claimant count.

Jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Labour Disputes: Disputes connected with terms and conditions of employment. These statistics relate to persons both directly and indirectly involved at the establishments where the disputes occurred. The estimates of stoppages exclude disputes which do not result in a stoppage of work, those involving fewer than ten workers or lasting less than one day unless the total number of working days lost in the dispute is 100 or more.

Labour Force Survey: The main source for information on the labour market in the UK. It is a random household survey of approximately 53,000 households every three months conducted by the Office for National Statistics. As well as private households, the survey includes people living in student residence halls and National Health Service accommodation.

Outflows: See *Inflows and Outflows*.

Part-time: See *Full-time*.

Private sector employment: See *Public sector / private sector employment*.

Productivity: Whole economy output per worker is the ratio of Gross Value Added (GVA) at basic prices and Labour Force Survey total employment. Manufacturing output per filled job is the ratio of manufacturing output (from the Index of Production) and productivity jobs for manufacturing (constrained to LFS jobs at the whole economy level).

Public sector / private sector employment: Public sector employment comprises employment in central government, local government and public corporations as defined for the UK National Accounts. Data are collected from public sector organisations via the *ONS Quarterly Public Sector Employees Survey* and other sources. Employment estimates for the private sector are derived as the difference between *Labour Force Survey* employment estimates for the whole economy and the public sector employment estimates.

Special note: The public sector employment estimates given in Table 4 include a number of workers with a second job in the public sector whose main job is in the private sector or in a separate public sector organisation. The private sector estimate will thus tend to be correspondingly understated by a small percentage.

Rates: Generally the preferred measure of Labour market statistics as they allow changes in the labour market to be interpreted in a wider context by allowing for changes in the overall population.

Redundancies: The number of people, whether working or not working, who reported that they had been made redundant in the month of the reference week or in the two calendar months prior to this.

Sampling variability: Data based on statistical samples are subject to sampling variability. If many samples were drawn, each would give a different result. The ranges shown for the *Labour Force Survey* data in this release, for example, represent 95 per cent confidence intervals; in 95 per cent of samples the range would contain the true value.

Seasonal adjustment: A process of estimating regularly occurring seasonal effects and removing them from the raw data.

Trends: Trends are used to show the long-term movement in a time series.

Unemployment: The number of unemployed people in the UK is measured through the *Labour Force Survey* following the internationally agreed definition recommended by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) – an agency of the United Nations. Unemployed people are:

- without a job, want a job, have actively sought work in the last four weeks and are available to start work in the next two weeks or;

- out of work, have found a job and are waiting to start it in the next two weeks.

Unit wage costs: A measure of the cost of wages and salaries per unit of output.

Usual hours worked: See *hours worked*.

Vacancies: The estimates are based on ONS's Vacancy Survey, a survey of businesses designed to provide comprehensive estimates of the stock of vacancies across the economy, excluding Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing. Vacancies are defined as positions for which employers are actively seeking recruits from outside their business or organisation. Further information is available at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=9390>

Workforce jobs: See *Employment and jobs*.

Further Concepts and Definitions are available from the website at:

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/LMS_FR_HS_Concepts_Definitions.pdf

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The following symbols are used in the tables:

p	provisional	..	not available
*	grossed up total	r	revised
	less than 9,500		

Totals may differ from the sum of components because of rounding or separate seasonal adjustment of components.

SUMMARY

1 Summary of LFS data

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over								
	All aged 16 & over	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
People	MGSL	MGSF	MGRZ	MGSC	MGSI	MGWG	MGSR	MG SX	YBTC
Feb-Apr 2006	48,152	30,623	28,996	1,627	17,529	63.6	60.2	5.3	36.4
Feb-Apr 2007	48,556	30,785	29,108	1,677	17,770	63.4	59.9	5.4	36.6
May-Jul 2007	48,659	30,858	29,205	1,652	17,801	63.4	60.0	5.4	36.6
Aug-Oct 2007	48,766	30,954	29,317	1,637	17,812	63.5	60.1	5.3	36.5
Nov-Jan 2008	48,875	31,083	29,478	1,605	17,792	63.6	60.3	5.2	36.4
Feb-Apr 2008	48,983	31,197	29,554	1,643	17,786	63.7	60.3	5.3	36.3
Change on quarter	108	114	76	38	-6	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.4	0.3	2.4	0.0				
Change on year	428	412	446	-34	16	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Change %	0.9	1.3	1.5	-2.0	0.1				
Men	MGSM	MGSG	MGSA	MGSD	MG SJ	MGWH	MGSS	MG SY	YBTD
Feb-Apr 2006	23,373	16,588	15,640	947	6,785	71.0	66.9	5.7	29.0
Feb-Apr 2007	23,599	16,719	15,754	965	6,880	70.8	66.8	5.8	29.2
May-Jul 2007	23,657	16,751	15,804	947	6,906	70.8	66.8	5.7	29.2
Aug-Oct 2007	23,716	16,779	15,852	927	6,936	70.8	66.8	5.5	29.2
Nov-Jan 2008	23,775	16,848	15,923	925	6,927	70.9	67.0	5.5	29.1
Feb-Apr 2008	23,834	16,918	15,980	938	6,915	71.0	67.0	5.5	29.0
Change on quarter	59	71	57	14	-12	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.4	0.4	1.5	-0.2				
Change on year	234	199	226	-27	36	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Change %	1.0	1.2	1.4	-2.8	0.5				
Women	MGSN	MGS H	MGS B	MGS E	MGS K	MGS I	MGS T	MGS Z	YBTE
Feb-Apr 2006	24,780	14,036	13,356	680	10,744	56.6	53.9	4.8	43.4
Feb-Apr 2007	24,956	14,066	13,354	712	10,891	56.4	53.5	5.1	43.6
May-Jul 2007	25,002	14,107	13,401	706	10,895	56.4	53.6	5.0	43.6
Aug-Oct 2007	25,051	14,175	13,465	710	10,876	56.6	53.7	5.0	43.4
Nov-Jan 2008	25,100	14,235	13,556	680	10,865	56.7	54.0	4.8	43.3
Feb-Apr 2008	25,150	14,279	13,574	704	10,871	56.8	54.0	4.9	43.2
Change on quarter	49	43	19	25	6	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.3	0.1	3.6	0.1				
Change on year	193	213	221	-8	-20	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.4
Change %	0.8	1.5	1.7	-1.1	-0.2				
	All aged 16 to 59/64								
	All aged 16 to 59/64	Total economically active	Total in employment	Unemployed	Economically inactive	Economic activity rate (%)	Employment rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)	Economic inactivity rate (%)
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
People	YBTF	YBSK	YBSE	YBSH	YBSN	MGS O	MGS U	YBTI	YBTL
Feb-Apr 2006	37,295	29,457	27,857	1,600	7,838	79.0	74.7	5.4	21.0
Feb-Apr 2007	37,522	29,555	27,903	1,652	7,967	78.8	74.4	5.6	21.2
May-Jul 2007	37,574	29,614	27,988	1,626	7,961	78.8	74.5	5.5	21.2
Aug-Oct 2007	37,624	29,681	28,069	1,613	7,943	78.9	74.6	5.4	21.1
Nov-Jan 2008	37,674	29,792	28,205	1,587	7,882	79.1	74.9	5.3	20.9
Feb-Apr 2008	37,724	29,865	28,246	1,619	7,859	79.2	74.9	5.4	20.8
Change on quarter	50	73	41	32	-23	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Change %	0.1	0.2	0.1	2.0	-0.3				
Change on year	203	310	343	-33	-107	0.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.4
Change %	0.5	1.0	1.2	-2.0	-1.3				
Men	YBTG	YBSL	YBSF	YBSI	YBSO	MGS P	MGS V	YBTJ	YBTM
Feb-Apr 2006	19,328	16,194	15,256	938	3,134	83.8	78.9	5.8	16.2
Feb-Apr 2007	19,505	16,311	15,357	954	3,193	83.6	78.7	5.8	16.4
May-Jul 2007	19,549	16,331	15,394	937	3,218	83.5	78.7	5.7	16.5
Aug-Oct 2007	19,584	16,359	15,442	917	3,225	83.5	78.8	5.6	16.5
Nov-Jan 2008	19,620	16,414	15,497	917	3,206	83.7	79.0	5.6	16.3
Feb-Apr 2008	19,655	16,462	15,535	927	3,193	83.8	79.0	5.6	16.2
Change on quarter	36	48	38	10	-13	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Change %	0.2	0.3	0.2	1.1	-0.4				
Change on year	150	151	177	-27	0	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Change %	0.8	0.9	1.2	-2.8	0.0				
Women	YBTH	YBSM	YBSG	YBSJ	YBSP	MGS Q	MGS W	YBTK	YBTN
Feb-Apr 2006	17,967	13,263	12,601	662	4,704	73.8	70.1	5.0	26.2
Feb-Apr 2007	18,017	13,244	12,546	698	4,773	73.5	69.6	5.3	26.5
May-Jul 2007	18,025	13,283	12,593	690	4,742	73.7	69.9	5.2	26.3
Aug-Oct 2007	18,040	13,322	12,627	695	4,718	73.8	70.0	5.2	26.2
Nov-Jan 2008	18,055	13,378	12,708	670	4,676	74.1	70.4	5.0	25.9
Feb-Apr 2008	18,069	13,403	12,712	692	4,666	74.2	70.4	5.2	25.8
Change on quarter	14	25	3	22	-11	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Change %	0.1	0.2	0.0	3.3	-0.2				
Change on year	52	159	166	-6	-107	0.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.7
Change %	0.3	1.2	1.3	-0.9	-2.2				

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+5; 2 = 3+4; 6 = 2/1; 7 = 3/1; 8 = 4/2;
9 = 5/1; 10 = 11+14; 11 = 12+13; 15 = 11/10; 16 = 12/10; 17 = 13/11; 18 = 14/10

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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SUMMARY

1a Summary of other headline indicators

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs ¹			Public and private sector employment ¹		
	Levels			Public sector G7AU	Private sector G7K5	
	All Jobs DYDC	Male Jobs LOLA	Female Jobs LOLB			
2006						
March	31,276	16,651	14,624	5,832	23,164	
June	31,294	16,668	14,625	5,818	23,211	
September	31,312	16,688	14,624	5,807	23,265	
December	31,412	16,748	14,664	5,801	23,290	
2007						
March	31,431	16,737	14,695	5,797 (r)	23,311 (r)	
June	31,536	16,775	14,762	5,785	23,420	
September	31,607	16,825	14,782	5,771	23,546	
December (r)	31,624	16,797	14,828	5,778	23,700	
2008						
March	31,668 **	16,830 **	14,838 **	5,758	23,796	
<i>Change on quarter</i>	<i>44 **</i>	<i>34 **</i>	<i>10 **</i>	<i>-20</i>	<i>96</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.1 **</i>	<i>0.2 **</i>	<i>0.1 **</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>0.4</i>	
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>237 **</i>	<i>94 **</i>	<i>143 **</i>	<i>-39</i>	<i>485</i>	
<i>Change %</i>	<i>0.8 **</i>	<i>0.6 **</i>	<i>1.0 **</i>	<i>-0.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	

	Claimant count ²					
	Levels			Rates (%) ³		
	People BCJD	Men DPAE	Women DPAF	People BCJE	Men DPAH	Women DPAI
2007						
May	877.4	640.2	237.2	2.7	3.7	1.6
June #	863.2	629.5	233.7	2.7	3.6 (r)	1.6
July	853.8	623.5	230.3	2.6 (r)	3.6	1.5
August	848.6	619.8	228.8	2.6	3.6	1.5
September #	835.0	609.7	225.3	2.6	3.5	1.5
October	826.1	602.9	223.2	2.6	3.5	1.5
November	814.4	594.0	220.4	2.5	3.4 (r)	1.5
December #	807.7	589.4	218.3	2.5	3.4	1.5
2008						
January	794.9	579.4	215.5	2.5	3.3 (r)	1.4
February #	795.5	581.0	214.5	2.5	3.3 (r)	1.4
March	799.1	583.9	215.2	2.5	3.4	1.4
April (r)	810.3	592.3	218.0	2.5	3.4	1.5
May (p)	819.3	599.4	219.9	2.5	3.5	1.5
<i>Change on month</i>	<i>9.0</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>0.0</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>0.9</i>			
<i>Change on year</i>	<i>-58.1</i>	<i>-40.8</i>	<i>-17.3</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.1</i>
<i>Change %</i>	<i>-6.6</i>	<i>-6.4</i>	<i>-7.3</i>			

	GB Whole economy earnings ⁴		Vacancies	
	Average earnings index (including bonuses)	Average earnings index (excluding bonuses)	Average 3 months ending (level)	Vacancy Ratio ⁵
	LNNC	JQDY	AP2Y	AP2Z
2007				
April (r)	3.7	3.5	643.4	2.5
May	3.5	3.5	646.5	2.5
June	3.5 (r)	3.5 (r)	655.2	2.5
July	3.5	3.6	663.3	2.5
August	3.7	3.7	666.0	2.6
September	4.1	3.7	667.8	2.6
October	4.0	3.6	674.7	2.6
November	4.0	3.6	675.6	2.6
December	3.8	3.7		
2008				
January	3.9	3.7	676.1	2.6
February	3.7	3.8	678.5	2.6
March	4.0	3.8	691.2	2.7
April (p)	3.8	3.9	685.3	2.6
			678.6	2.6

1. See footnotes to Tables 4 and 5.

2. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

4. The rate is the change in the average seasonally adjusted index values for over the last 3 months compared with the same period a year ago.

5. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs

Months where there are 5 weeks between count dates. All the rest are 4 week periods.

** See footnote to Table 5(2).

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

2 Employment by age

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) & 50 - 59 (w)	65+ (m) & 60+ (w)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
In Employment								
People	MGRZ	YBSE	YBTO	YBTR	YBTU	YBTX	MGUW	MGUZ
Feb-Apr 2006	28,996	27,857	571	3,600	6,288	10,962	6,438	1,139
Feb-Apr 2007	29,108	27,903	538	3,639	6,258	11,001	6,467	1,205
May-Jul 2007	29,205	27,988	530	3,645	6,256	11,053	6,503	1,218
Aug-Oct 2007	29,317	28,069	535	3,671	6,284	11,040	6,539	1,248
Nov-Jan 2008	29,478	28,205	553	3,691	6,310	11,063	6,589	1,273
Feb-Apr 2008	29,554	28,246	551	3,675	6,314	11,096	6,611	1,308
<i>Change on quarter</i>	76	41	-2	-16	5	32	22	35
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	2.8
<i>Change on year</i>	446	343	13	35	56	95	144	103
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	1.2	2.3	1.0	0.9	0.9	2.2	8.6
Men	MGSA	YBSF	YBTP	YBTS	YBTV	YBTY	MGUX	MGVA
Feb-Apr 2006	15,640	15,256	265	1,894	3,441	5,823	3,833	384
Feb-Apr 2007	15,754	15,357	261	1,941	3,432	5,872	3,852	397
May-Jul 2007	15,804	15,394	246	1,923	3,448	5,893	3,884	410
Aug-Oct 2007	15,852	15,442	262	1,934	3,453	5,875	3,918	411
Nov-Jan 2008	15,923	15,497	276	1,945	3,456	5,877	3,943	426
Feb-Apr 2008	15,980	15,535	261	1,939	3,464	5,892	3,979	445
<i>Change on quarter</i>	57	38	-14	-6	8	14	36	20
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.2	-5.3	-0.3	0.2	0.2	0.9	4.6
<i>Change on year</i>	226	177	0	-2	32	20	127	48
<i>Change %</i>	1.4	1.2	0.2	-0.1	0.9	0.3	3.3	12.2
Women	MGSB	YBSG	YBTQ	YBTT	YBTW	YBTZ	MGUY	MGVB
Feb-Apr 2006	13,356	12,601	305	1,706	2,847	5,139	2,605	755
Feb-Apr 2007	13,354	12,546	277	1,698	2,827	5,129	2,616	808
May-Jul 2007	13,401	12,593	283	1,722	2,808	5,161	2,619	808
Aug-Oct 2007	13,465	12,627	273	1,737	2,831	5,165	2,621	838
Nov-Jan 2008	13,556	12,708	277	1,746	2,854	5,186	2,646	847
Feb-Apr 2008	13,574	12,712	289	1,736	2,850	5,204	2,633	863
<i>Change on quarter</i>	19	3	13	-10	-4	18	-14	16
<i>Change %</i>	0.1	0.0	4.5	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	-0.5	1.8
<i>Change on year</i>	221	166	12	38	24	75	17	55
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	1.3	4.4	2.2	0.8	1.5	0.6	6.8

Employment rates (%)¹

People	MGSR	MGSU	YBUA	YBUD	YBUG	YBUJ	YBUM	YBUP
Feb-Apr 2006	60.2	74.7	36.3	65.6	80.3	82.4	70.7	10.5
Feb-Apr 2007	59.9	74.4	34.0	64.9	80.3	82.1	70.8	10.9
May-Jul 2007	60.0	74.5	33.3	64.6	80.3	82.4	71.2	11.0
Aug-Oct 2007	60.1	74.6	33.7	64.8	80.5	82.3	71.5	11.2
Nov-Jan 2008	60.3	74.9	34.8	64.9	80.7	82.4	72.0	11.4
Feb-Apr 2008	60.3	74.9	34.7	64.4	80.6	82.6	72.2	11.6
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.4	0.5	0.8	-0.5	0.3	0.5	1.4	0.7
Men	MGSS	MGSV	YBUB	YBUE	YBUH	YBUK	YBUN	YBUQ
Feb-Apr 2006	66.9	78.9	32.9	68.1	88.6	88.5	72.6	9.5
Feb-Apr 2007	66.8	78.7	32.0	68.1	88.5	88.7	72.1	9.7
May-Jul 2007	66.8	78.7	30.1	67.1	88.9	88.9	72.5	10.0
Aug-Oct 2007	66.8	78.8	32.1	67.2	88.9	88.6	72.9	9.9
Nov-Jan 2008	67.0	79.0	33.8	67.3	88.8	88.7	73.2	10.2
Feb-Apr 2008	67.0	79.0	32.1	66.7	88.8	88.8	73.7	10.7
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.0	-1.7	-0.5	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.4
<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	0.3	0.1	-1.4	0.3	0.1	1.6	1.0
Women	MGST	MGSW	YBUC	YBUF	YBUI	YBUL	YBUO	YBUR
Feb-Apr 2006	53.9	70.1	39.9	63.1	72.2	76.4	68.1	11.1
Feb-Apr 2007	53.5	69.6	36.1	61.5	72.1	75.6	69.0	11.6
May-Jul 2007	53.6	69.9	36.8	62.1	71.7	76.0	69.3	11.6
Aug-Oct 2007	53.7	70.0	35.5	62.4	72.2	76.0	69.5	12.0
Nov-Jan 2008	54.0	70.4	36.0	62.5	72.6	76.3	70.3	12.0
Feb-Apr 2008	54.0	70.4	37.6	61.9	72.4	76.5	70.0	12.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.0	0.0	1.6	-0.6	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	0.5	0.7	1.5	0.4	0.3	0.9	1.0	0.5

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+8; 2 = 3+4+5+6+7

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS

3 Full-time, part-time and temporary workers

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	All in employment					Total in employment ¹		Employees ¹		Self-employed ¹			Workers with second jobs
	Total	Employees	Self employed	Unpaid family workers	Government supported training & employment programmes	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
People	MGRZ	MGRN	MGRQ	MGRW	MGRV	YCBE	YCBH	YCBK	YCBN	YCBQ	YCBT	YCBW	
Feb-Apr 2006	28,996	25,087	3,728	87	94	21,671	7,325	18,740	6,347	2,864	864	1,032	
Feb-Apr 2007	29,108	25,098	3,806	103	101	21,691	7,417	18,736	6,362	2,891	915	1,090	
May-Jul 2007	29,205	25,181	3,798	107	120	21,799	7,406	18,852	6,329	2,884	914	1,110	
Aug-Oct 2007	29,317	25,286	3,825	97	110	21,902	7,416	18,941	6,344	2,901	924	1,113	
Nov-Jan 2008	29,478	25,424	3,838	107	110	21,960	7,518	18,992	6,431	2,895	943	1,108	
Feb-Apr 2008	29,554	25,489	3,831	114	120	22,040	7,514	19,048	6,442	2,923	908	1,117	
Change on quarter	76	66	-7	7	10	80	-4	55	11	27	-34	9	
Change %	0.3	0.3	-0.2	6.5	9.2	0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.9	-3.7	0.8	
Change on year	446	391	25	11	19	349	97	312	79	32	-7	27	
Change %	1.5	1.6	0.7	10.9	18.9	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.1	-0.7	2.4	
Men	MGSA	MGRO	MGRR	MGRU	MGRX	YCBF	YCBI	YCBL	YCBO	YCBR	YCBU	YCBX	
Feb-Apr 2006	15,640	12,849	2,702	31	58	13,988	1,653	11,592	1,258	2,354	348	443	
Feb-Apr 2007	15,754	12,899	2,759	40	56	14,030	1,724	11,614	1,284	2,379	381	460	
May-Jul 2007	15,804	12,934	2,762	39	69	14,065	1,739	11,656	1,279	2,371	391	459	
Aug-Oct 2007	15,852	12,989	2,770	37	57	14,116	1,737	11,696	1,293	2,386	383	457	
Nov-Jan 2008	15,923	13,040	2,778	39	66	14,124	1,799	11,689	1,351	2,387	391	452	
Feb-Apr 2008	15,980	13,078	2,790	40	71	14,184	1,796	11,740	1,339	2,401	390	456	
Change on quarter	57	38	13	2	5	61	-4	51	-13	13	-1	4	
Change %	0.4	0.3	0.5	4.7	7.2	0.4	-0.2	0.4	-0.9	0.6	-0.2	1.0	
Change on year	226	180	31	0	14	154	71	125	55	22	9	-4	
Change %	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.2	25.5	1.1	4.1	1.1	4.2	0.9	2.4	-0.8	
Women	MGSB	MGRP	MGRS	MGRV	MGRY	YCBG	YCBJ	YCBM	YCBP	YCBS	YCBV	YCBY	
Feb-Apr 2006	13,356	12,237	1,026	56	36	7,683	5,673	7,148	5,089	510	516	589	
Feb-Apr 2007	13,354	12,200	1,046	63	45	7,661	5,693	7,121	5,078	512	534	630	
May-Jul 2007	13,401	12,246	1,037	68	51	7,734	5,667	7,196	5,050	513	523	651	
Aug-Oct 2007	13,465	12,297	1,055	60	53	7,786	5,679	7,246	5,051	514	541	657	
Nov-Jan 2008	13,556	12,383	1,060	69	44	7,836	5,719	7,304	5,080	508	552	656	
Feb-Apr 2008	13,574	12,411	1,040	74	49	7,856	5,719	7,308	5,103	522	518	661	
Change on quarter	19	28	-20	5	5	19	-1	5	23	14	-34	4	
Change %	0.1	0.2	-1.9	7.6	12.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	2.8	-6.1	0.7	
Change on year	221	211	-6	11	5	195	26	187	25	10	-16	30	
Change %	1.7	1.7	-0.6	17.1	10.4	2.5	0.5	2.6	0.5	1.9	-3.0	4.8	
	Temporary employees (reasons for temporary working)					Part-time workers (reasons for working part-time) ²							
	Total as % of all employees	Could not find permanent job	% that could not find permanent job	Did not want permanent job	Had a contract with period of training	Some other reason	Total ³	Could not find full-time job	% that could not find full-time job	Did not want full-time job	Ill or disabled	Student or at school	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
People	YCBZ	YCCC	YCCF	YCCI	YCCJ	YCCO	YCCR	YCCU	YCCX	YCDA	YCDD	YCDG	YCDJ
Feb-Apr 2006	1,491	5.9	369	24.8	421	112	589	7,211	620	8.6	5,230	168	1,155
Feb-Apr 2007	1,520	6.1	403	26.5	430	100	588	7,277	673	9.2	5,242	174	1,157
May-Jul 2007	1,504	6.0	409	27.2	418	92	586	7,243	696	9.6	5,190	185	1,139
Aug-Oct 2007	1,452	5.7	378	26.0	420	87	568	7,269	693	9.5	5,233	168	1,137
Nov-Jan 2008	1,466	5.8	369	25.2	437	77	583	7,374	731	9.9	5,262	171	1,171
Feb-Apr 2008	1,442	5.7	360	25.0	434	80	568	7,350	696	9.5	5,250	182	1,179
Change on quarter	-24	-0.1	-9	-0.2	-3	3	-14	-24	-35	-0.4	-12	11	9
Change %	-1.6		-2.4		-0.8	3.5	-2.5	-0.3	-4.8		-0.2	6.2	0.7
Change on year	-78	-0.4	-43	-1.5	4	-20	-19	73	24	0.2	8	8	22
Change %	-5.1		-10.7		1.0	-20.0	-3.3	1.0	3.5		0.2	4.5	1.9
Men	YCCA	YCCD	YCCG	YCCJ	YCCM	YCCP	YCCS	YCCV	YCCY	YCDB	YCDE	YCDH	YCDK
Feb-Apr 2006	677	5.3	195	28.9	178	55	248	1,606	250	15.6	776	71	498
Feb-Apr 2007	706	5.5	213	30.2	180	48	265	1,665	276	16.6	799	79	501
May-Jul 2007	699	5.4	220	31.6	181	39	258	1,669	285	17.1	828	80	464
Aug-Oct 2007	662	5.1	197	29.8	185	39	241	1,676	288	17.2	815	71	490
Nov-Jan 2008	687	5.3	191	27.8	191	43	262	1,742	288	16.5	863	67	511
Feb-Apr 2008	665	5.1	184	27.7	187	40	253	1,729	290	16.8	859	70	494
Change on quarter	-22	-0.2	-7	-0.1	-3	-3	-9	-13	2	0.2	-4	3	-17
Change %	-3.2		-3.5		-1.7	-7.1	-3.3	-0.8	0.7		-0.5	4.7	-3.3
Change on year	-41	-0.4	-29	-2.5	7	-8	-11	64	14	0.2	60	-8	-7
Change %	-5.8		-13.6		4.1	-16.9	-4.3	3.8	5.0		7.5	-10.5	-1.4
Women	YCCB	YCCE	YCCH	YCCJ	YCCN	YCCQ	YCCS	YCCW	YCCZ	YCDC	YCDE	YCDI	YCDL
Feb-Apr 2006	814	6.6	174	21.3	242	57	341	5,605	370	6.6	4,454	97	657
Feb-Apr 2007	814	6.7	190	23.3	250	52	323	5,612	396	7.1	4,443	95	656
May-Jul 2007	806	6.6	188	23.4	237	53	328	5,573	411	7.4	4,362	104	675
Aug-Oct 2007	790	6.4	180	22.8	235	48	326	5,592	405	7.2	4,418	97	647
Nov-Jan 2008	780	6.3	178	22.9	247	34	320	5,632	443	7.9	4,399	104	660
Feb-Apr 2008	777	6.3	176	22.7	246	40	315	5,621	406	7.2	4,391	111	685
Change on quarter	-2	0.0	-2	-0.2	0	6	-6	-10	-37	-0.6	-8	7	26
Change %	-0.3		-1.3		-0.1	16.7	-1.7	-0.2	-8.4		-0.2	7.1	3.9
Change on year	-37	-0.4	-14	-0.7	-3	-12	-8	9	10	0.2	-52	16	29
Change %	-4.5		-7.4		-1.3	-22.8	-2.5	0.2	2.5		-1.2	16.9	4.4

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5; 1=6+7; 2=8+9; 3=10+11; 13=15+17+18+19; 20=9+11; 14=13/2; 16=15/13; 22=21/20

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification

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2. Employees and Self-employed.

3. The total includes those who did not give a reason for working part-time and it therefore does not equal the sum of columns 21, 23, 24 and 2

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definition.

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4 Public and private sector employment

United Kingdom
(thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Public sector ^{1 2 3}		Private sector ⁴		Total employment ^{5 6}
	(000s)	(%)	(000s)	(%)	(000s)
	1	2	3	4	5
	G7AU	G9BZ	G7K5	G9C2	G7GO
Mar 06	5,832	20.1	23,164	79.9	28,996
Jun 06	5,818	20.0	23,211	80.0	29,029
Sep 06	5,807	20.0	23,265	80.0	29,072
Dec 06	5,801	19.9	23,290	80.1	29,091
Mar 07	5,797 (r)	19.9	23,311 (r)	80.1	29,108
Jun 07	5,785	19.8	23,420	80.2	29,205
Sep 07	5,771	19.7	23,546	80.3	29,317
Dec 07	5,778	19.6	23,700	80.4	29,478
Mar 08	5,758	19.5	23,796	80.5	29,554
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-20	-0.1	96	0.1	76
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3		0.4		0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	-39	-0.4	485	0.4	446
<i>Change %</i>	-0.7		2.1		1.5

Relationship between columns: 2 = 1/5*100; 3 = 5-1; 4 = 3/5*100;

Source: Labour Force Survey and returns from public sector organisations

1. Estimates derived from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions. Enquiries 01633 456756
2. Estimates for Northern Ireland included in the UK total are sourced from the Quarterly Employment Survey and are based on jobs rather than employees.
3. Estimates from December 2007 are based partly on projections.
4. Estimated as the difference between LFS total employment and the data from public sector organisations. See special note in Concepts and Definitions.
5. LFS data for March refer to February-April, June refers to May-July, September refers to August-October and December refers to November-January.
6. Labour Force Survey employment; all aged 16 and over.

5(1) Workforce jobs^{1 2}

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	Workforce jobs ²	Employee jobs ²	Self-employment jobs	HM Forces	Government- supported trainees
	1	2	3	4	5
	DYDC	BCAJ	DYZN	LOJX	LOJU
Mar 06	31,276	26,901	4,092	205	77
Jun 06	31,294	26,953	4,072	203	65
Sep 06	31,312	26,907	4,146	203	56
Dec 06	31,412	26,974	4,181	202	55
Mar 07	31,431	26,989	4,190	199	53
Jun 07	31,536	27,068	4,216	197	55
Sep 07	31,607	27,128	4,232	195	53
Dec 07 (r)	31,624	27,157	4,221	194	52
Mar 08	31,668 **	27,209 **	4,216 **	194	50
<i>Change on quarter</i>	44 **	52 **	-6 **	-1	-1
<i>Change %</i>	0.1 **	0.2 **	-0.1 **	-0.3	-2.6
<i>Change on year</i>	237 **	221 **	25 **	-6	-3
<i>Change %</i>	0.8 **	0.8 **	0.6 **	-2.8	-5.6

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+3+4+5

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1. Workforce Jobs figures are a measure of jobs rather than people. For example, if a person holds two jobs, each job will be counted in the Workforce Jobs total. For this reason, self-employment Jobs (which come from LFS) will not equal the figures for self-employed persons from the LFS. Workforce Jobs figures come from a variety of sources, and where possible, from the employer rather than the individual. Employee Jobs (which is the largest component of Workforce Jobs) come from quarter surveys of employers carried out by ONS, and administrative sources. Other data sources are as follow:

Self-employment Jobs are provided by LFS

HM Forces figures are provided by the Ministry of Defence (MOD)

Government-supported trainees are provided by administrative sources.

2. There is a discontinuity in the employee jobs series between December 2005 and September 2006 due to improvements to the annual benchmark. Further information can be found at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/Statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=9765>.

** See footnote to Table 5(2).

For more information on Workforce Jobs see Concepts and Definitions.

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5(2) Workforce jobs^{1 2} by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	Agriculture, forestry & fishing		Mining, energy & water supply industries	Manufacturing industries	Construction	Distribution, hotels & restaurants	Transport & comms.	Finance & Business Services	Education, health and public admin ³	Other services	Total services
	All jobs A-O	A,B	C,E	D	F	G-H	I	J-K	L-N	O	G-O
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All jobs	DYDC	LOLI	LOLL	LOLO	LOLR	LOLU	LOLX	LOMA	LOMD	LOMG	LOMJ
Mar 06	31,276	449	166	3,286	2,149	7,042	1,874	6,391	7,942	1,977	25,225
Jun 06	31,294	438	172	3,261	2,165	7,021	1,864	6,415	7,962	1,995	25,258
Sep 06	31,312	445	174	3,241	2,189	6,994	1,850	6,449	7,958	2,012	25,263
Dec 06	31,412	454	177	3,224	2,215	7,014	1,853	6,503	7,967	2,004	25,342
Mar 07	31,431	427	180	3,213	2,215	7,033	1,831	6,544	7,987	2,001	25,397
Jun 07	31,536	447	181	3,199	2,230	7,070	1,835	6,593	7,980	2,001	25,478
Sep 07	31,607	447	182	3,201	2,227	7,074	1,836	6,656	7,980	2,005	25,551
Dec 07 (r)	31,624	456	184	3,172	2,210	7,117	1,854	6,648	7,989	1,993	25,601
Mar 08	31,668 **	**	189	3,161	2,222	7,117	1,849	6,629	7,991	2,020	25,606
Change on quarter	44 **		5	-11	11	0	-4	-20	2	27	5
Change %	0.1 **		2.8	-0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	1.4	0.0
Change on year	237 **		9	-52	6	83	18	85	5	19	209
Change %	0.8 **		5.1	-1.6	0.3	1.2	1.0	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.8
Male jobs	LOLA	LOLJ	LOLM	LOLP	LOLS	LOLV	LOLY	LOMB	LOME	LOMH	LOMJ
Mar 06	16,651	337	124	2,461	1,922	3,454	1,430	3,571	2,393	961	11,808
Jun 06	16,668	330	128	2,435	1,929	3,447	1,421	3,601	2,401	976	11,845
Sep 06	16,688	337	131	2,419	1,951	3,438	1,403	3,614	2,403	993	11,851
Dec 06	16,748	333	135	2,408	1,976	3,458	1,394	3,637	2,411	998	11,897
Mar 07	16,737	308	137	2,400	1,994	3,478	1,385	3,629	2,412	994	11,898
Jun 07	16,775	325	136	2,395	2,005	3,490	1,381	3,641	2,412	989	11,914
Sep 07	16,825	331	135	2,397	2,009	3,484	1,389	3,693	2,403	984	11,953
Dec 07 (r)	16,797	323	138	2,376	1,992	3,518	1,404	3,679	2,404	963	11,967
Mar 08	16,830 **	**	142	2,363	1,999	3,517	1,405	3,676	2,401	986	11,985
Change on quarter	34 **		3	-13	7	-1	2	-3	-3	23	18
Change %	0.2 **		2.5	-0.6	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	2.4	0.1
Change on year	94 **		5	-37	4	40	20	47	-11	-8	87
Change %	0.6 **		3.6	-1.6	0.2	1.1	1.5	1.3	-0.5	-0.8	0.7
Female jobs	LOLB	LOLK	LOLN	LOLQ	LOLT	LOLW	LOLZ	LOMC	LOMF	LOMI	LOML
Mar 06	14,624	112	42	825	227	3,589	444	2,820	5,549	1,016	13,418
Jun 06	14,625	108	44	826	236	3,575	443	2,815	5,561	1,019	13,413
Sep 06	14,624	108	43	822	238	3,556	448	2,835	5,555	1,019	13,413
Dec 06	14,664	121	42	816	239	3,557	459	2,866	5,557	1,006	13,445
Mar 07	14,695	119	43	813	221	3,556	446	2,915	5,575	1,007	13,499
Jun 07	14,762	122	45	804	225	3,580	454	2,952	5,568	1,011	13,565
Sep 07	14,782	115	46	804	219	3,590	447	2,963	5,577	1,021	13,598
Dec 07 (r)	14,828	133	46	796	219	3,599	450	2,970	5,585	1,030	13,634
Mar 08	14,838 **	**	47	798	223	3,599	444	2,953	5,591	1,035	13,621
Change on quarter	10 **		2	2	4	0	-6	-17	5	4	-13
Change %	0.1 **		3.6	0.2	2.0	0.0	-1.3	-0.6	0.1	0.4	-0.1
Change on year	143 **		4	-14	2	44	-2	38	15	27	122
Change %	1.0 **		9.9	-1.8	0.9	1.2	-0.5	1.3	0.3	2.7	0.9

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3+4+5+11; 11=6+7+8+9+10

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Other data sources are as follows:

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3. Column 9 includes both public and private sectors.

** The estimate for agriculture, forestry and fishing is unreliable. The figure is being withheld pending quality assurance and will be released as soon as possible. To a lesser degree, this affects the whole economy estimates which will be subject to revision.

6 Production industries employee jobs¹

United Kingdom (thousands),
seasonally adjusted

	Mining, energy & water supply industries SIC 2003 sections C&E			Manufacturing industries SIC 2003 section D		
	Levels	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Levels	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)	Latest 3 months on 3 months one year ago (%)
		YEJJ			LOMM	
Apr 06	158	157	-0.7	2,990	2,999	-4.7
Apr 07	165	165	4.8	2,919	2,921	-2.6
May 07	166	165	4.8	2,920	2,921	-2.3
Jun 07	167	166	4.4	2,917	2,919	-2.1
Jul 07	166	166	4.3	2,912	2,916	-1.9
Aug 07	165	166	4.0	2,911	2,913	-1.7
Sep 07	167	166	3.8	2,913	2,912	-1.4
Oct 07	167	166	3.5	2,910	2,911	-1.2
Nov 07	167	167	3.2	2,907	2,910	-1.1 (r)
Dec 07 (r)	170	168	3.0	2,906	2,907	-1.0
Jan 08 (r)	169	169	3.2	2,896	2,903	-1.0
Feb 08 (r)	169	169	3.4	2,893	2,898	-1.0
Mar 08 (r)	171	170	3.4	2,888	2,892	-1.1
Apr 08	170	170	3.2	2,883	2,888	-1.1

Source: Employer surveys

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7 Actual weekly hours of work

United Kingdom (hours), seasonally adjusted

	Average (mean) actual weekly hours of work				
	Total weekly hours (millions) ^{1,2}	All workers ¹	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Second Jobs
People	YBUS	YBUV	YBUY	YBVB	YBVE
Feb-Apr 2006	927.6	32.0	37.1	15.7	9.4
Feb-Apr 2007	930.0	32.0	37.2	15.5	9.3
May-Jul 2007	937.6	32.2	37.3	15.6	9.4
Aug-Oct 2007	940.7	32.1	37.2	15.7	9.7
Nov-Jan 2008	937.4	31.8	37.0	15.4	9.9
Feb-Apr 2008	943.7	32.0	37.1	15.5	9.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	6.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.5	-1.8
<i>Change on year</i>	13.7	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.5
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	5.2
Men	YBUT	YBUW	YBUZ	YBVC	YBVF
Feb-Apr 2006	572.6	36.7	38.8	15.5	9.8
Feb-Apr 2007	577.5	36.7	39.0	15.3	10.3
May-Jul 2007	580.8	36.8	39.1	15.6	10.4
Aug-Oct 2007	582.7	36.8	39.1	15.4	10.8
Nov-Jan 2008	579.8	36.5	38.8	15.2	11.3
Feb-Apr 2008	585.1	36.7	39.0	15.2	11.2
<i>Change on quarter</i>	5.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1
<i>Change %</i>	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	-0.7
<i>Change on year</i>	7.6	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.9
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	9.0
Women	YBUU	YBUX	YBVA	YBVD	YBVG
Feb-Apr 2006	354.9	26.6	33.9	15.7	9.0
Feb-Apr 2007	352.5	26.4	33.8	15.6	8.6
May-Jul 2007	356.7	26.7	34.0	15.6	8.6
Aug-Oct 2007	358.1	26.6	33.9	15.7	8.9
Nov-Jan 2008	357.6	26.4	33.7	15.5	9.0
Feb-Apr 2008	358.6	26.5	33.6	15.6	8.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	-0.2
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-2.8
<i>Change on year</i>	6.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2
<i>Change %</i>	1.7	0.1	-0.4	-0.1	2.5

1. Main and second job.

2. Total actual weekly hours worked including paid and unpaid overtime.

3. Main job only. The split between full-time and part-time employment is based on respondents' self-classification.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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8 Usual weekly hours of work¹

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	All in Employment (%)			Employees (%)			Self-Employed (%)		
	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women	People	Men	Women
Feb-Apr 2007									
Less than 6 Hours	1.5	0.9	2.2	1.1	0.7	1.6	3.0	1.5	6.9
6 up to 15 hours	6.9	3.2	11.4	6.8	3.0	10.8	7.4	3.6	17.2
16 up to 30 hours	17.8	7.7	29.8	17.8	6.7	29.6	17.9	12.4	32.3
31 up to 45 hours	53.5	59.0	47.0	55.5	62.0	48.8	39.8	44.6	27.1
Over 45 hours	20.3	29.3	9.7	18.7	27.7	9.1	31.9	37.8	16.5
Total (thousands)	29,108	15,754	13,354	25,098	12,899	12,200	3,806	2,759	1,046
Nov-Jan 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.7	1.3	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	7.0	3.4	11.2	6.8	3.3	10.5	8.2	3.8	19.7
16 up to 30 hours	17.7	7.9	29.3	17.7	6.8	29.3	17.5	12.5	30.8
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	57.9	47.6	55.3	60.8	49.5	39.5	44.5	26.6
Over 45 hours	20.7	30.1	9.7	19.1	28.6	9.1	32.1	38.0	16.7
Total (thousands)	29,478	15,923	13,556	25,424	13,040	12,383	3,838	2,778	1,060
Feb-Apr 2008									
Less than 6 Hours	1.4	0.8	2.2	1.1	0.6	1.7	2.8	1.6	6.2
6 up to 15 hours	6.8	3.3	11.0	6.6	3.2	10.3	7.8	3.7	18.9
16 up to 30 hours	17.9	8.0	29.7	18.0	6.9	29.7	17.3	12.5	30.1
31 up to 45 hours	53.2	58.0	47.5	55.2	60.8	49.3	40.4	44.9	28.5
Over 45 hours	20.6	29.9	9.6	19.1	28.5	9.1	31.7	37.4	16.2
Total (thousands)	29,554	15,980	13,574	25,489	13,078	12,411	3,831	2,790	1,040

1. Total usual weekly hours worked in main job including paid and unpaid overtime.

Source: Labour Force Survey

Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(1) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged 16 & over							All aged 16 - 59/64						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGSC	MGSX	YBWF	YBWG	YBWH	YBWI	YBWL	YBSH	YBTI	YBWO	YBWR	YBWU	YBWV	YBXA
Feb-Apr 2006	1,627	5.3	1,007	277	344	21.1	162	1,600	5.4	994	271	334	20.9	155
Feb-Apr 2007	1,677	5.4	1,007	273	397	23.7	177	1,652	5.6	993	269	389	23.6	172
May-Jul 2007	1,652	5.4	996	265	392	23.7	178	1,626	5.5	982	262	382	23.5	174
Aug-Oct 2007	1,637	5.3	990	262	386	23.6	176	1,613	5.4	973	260	380	23.6	171
Nov-Jan 2008	1,605	5.2	963	259	383	23.8	178	1,587	5.3	952	256	378	23.8	175
Feb-Apr 2008	1,643	5.3	977	260	406	24.7	196	1,619	5.4	963	256	400	24.7	193
Change on quarter	38	0.1	14	1	23	0.9	18	32	0.1	11	0	22	0.9	18
Change %	2.4		1.4	0.4	6.1		10.0	2.0		1.1	-0.1	5.8		10.0
Change on year	-34	-0.2	-30	-13	9	1.0	19	-33	-0.2	-30	-13	11	1.1	21
Change %	-2.0		-3.0	-4.7	2.1		10.9	-2.0		-3.0	-5.0	2.7		11.9
Men	MGSD	MGSY	MGYK	MGYM	MGYO	YBWJ	YBWM	YBSI	YBTJ	YBWP	YBWS	YBWV	YBWW	YBWB
Feb-Apr 2006	947	5.7	547	157	243	25.7	120	938	5.8	545	155	238	25.4	116
Feb-Apr 2007	965	5.8	530	160	275	28.5	126	954	5.8	526	158	270	28.3	123
May-Jul 2007	947	5.7	526	155	265	28.0	126	937	5.7	522	155	259	27.7	123
Aug-Oct 2007	927	5.5	509	156	263	28.3	129	917	5.6	504	155	259	28.2	126
Nov-Jan 2008	925	5.5	512	151	262	28.3	130	917	5.6	508	149	259	28.3	128
Feb-Apr 2008	938	5.5	513	151	274	29.2	141	927	5.6	507	149	271	29.3	140
Change on quarter	14	0.1	1	0	12	0.9	12	10	0.0	-1	0	12	1.0	13
Change %	1.5		0.2	0.3	4.6		8.9	1.1		-0.3	-0.3	4.7		9.9
Change on year	-27	-0.2	-17	-9	0	0.8	15	-27	-0.2	-19	-9	2	1.0	17
Change %	-2.8		-3.3	-5.6	-0.2		12.2	-2.8		-3.6	-5.9	0.6		13.8
Women	MGSE	MGSZ	MGYL	MGYN	MGYP	YBWK	YBWN	YBSJ	YBTK	YBWP	YBWT	YBWW	YBWW	YBXC
Feb-Apr 2006	680	4.8	460	120	100	14.7	42	662	5.0	449	116	96	14.5	40
Feb-Apr 2007	712	5.1	476	113	123	17.2	51	698	5.3	467	111	120	17.2	49
May-Jul 2007	706	5.0	470	109	126	17.9	52	690	5.2	460	107	123	17.8	51
Aug-Oct 2007	710	5.0	481	106	124	17.4	47	695	5.2	469	105	121	17.4	45
Nov-Jan 2008	680	4.8	451	109	120	17.7	48	670	5.0	444	107	119	17.7	48
Feb-Apr 2008	704	4.9	464	109	132	18.7	54	692	5.2	456	107	129	18.6	53
Change on quarter	25	0.2	13	0	11	1.0	6	22	0.2	12	0	10	0.9	5
Change %	3.6		2.9	0.4	9.3		13.0	3.3		2.7	0.2	8.2		10.4
Change on year	-8	-0.1	-13	-4	9	1.5	4	-6	-0.1	-11	-4	9	1.4	3
Change %	-1.1		-2.7	-3.4	7.3		7.6	-0.9		-2.4	-3.6	7.5		7.1
	16-17							18-24						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
People	YBVH	YBVK	YBXD	YBXG	YBXJ	YBXM	YBXP	YBVN	YBVQ	YBXS	YBXV	YBXY	YBYB	YBYE
Feb-Apr 2006	184	24.4	134	35	14	7.7	*	485	11.9	340	73	71	14.7	29
Feb-Apr 2007	190	26.1	147	27	15	8.0	*	518	12.5	341	86	91	17.6	30
May-Jul 2007	209	28.3	158	32	20	9.4	*	500	12.1	332	81	88	17.5	32
Aug-Oct 2007	201	27.3	147	40	14	7.2	*	500	12.0	341	67	92	18.5	35
Nov-Jan 2008	177	24.3	132	31	14	8.1	*	499	11.9	331	70	99	19.7	40
Feb-Apr 2008	186	25.3	138	34	14	7.4	*	508	12.1	335	68	105	20.7	43
Change on quarter	9	1.0	6	4	-1	-0.7	*	9	0.2	5	-2	7	1.0	3
Change %	5.1		4.2	12.9	-3.9		*	1.7		1.4	-3.5	6.6		7.4
Change on year	-4	-0.8	-9	7	-1	-0.6	*	-10	-0.3	-6	-18	14	3.1	13
Change %	-1.9		-6.4	26.0	-8.8		*	-1.9		-1.7	-21.0	15.1		44.3
Men	YBVI	YBVL	YBXE	YBXH	YBXK	YBXN	YBXQ	YBVO	YBVR	YBXT	YBXW	YBXZ	YBYC	YBYF
Feb-Apr 2006	113	29.8	80	23	10	9.3	*	297	13.6	200	42	55	18.4	25
Feb-Apr 2007	104	28.5	79	15	10	9.3	*	310	13.8	187	57	66	21.2	22
May-Jul 2007	117	32.1	86	18	12	10.5	*	299	13.4	186	51	62	20.7	25
Aug-Oct 2007	113	30.1	79	26	*	*	*	300	13.4	192	41	67	22.2	28
Nov-Jan 2008	103	27.3	73	19	12	11.5	*	304	13.5	187	44	73	23.9	35
Feb-Apr 2008	106	28.8	77	20	*	*	*	309	13.7	192	43	75	24.2	36
Change on quarter	2	1.6	4	2	*	*	*	5	0.2	5	-2	2	0.3	1
Change %	2.3		5.2	8.3	*	*	*	1.8		2.7	-3.9	3.0		2.9
Change on year	2	0.3	-3	5	*	*	*	-1	0.0	5	-14	9	3.0	14
Change %	1.5		-3.7	35.4	*	*	*	-0.3		2.4	-25.3	13.8		62.8
Women	YBVJ	YBVM	YBXF	YBXI	YBXL	YBXO	YBXR	YBVP	YBVS	YBXU	YBXX	YBYA	YBYD	YBYG
Feb-Apr 2006	71	18.9	55	13	*	*	*	187	9.9	140	30	17	8.9	*
Feb-Apr 2007	86	23.6	68	12	*	*	*	208	10.9	154	29	26	12.3	*
May-Jul 2007	92	24.6	72	13	*	*	*	202	10.5	146	30	26	12.7	*
Aug-Oct 2007	89	24.5	68	15	*	*	*	201	10.4	149	26	26	12.8	*
Nov-Jan 2008	74	21.1	60	12	*	*	*	196	10.1	144	26	26	13.2	*
Feb-Apr 2008	81	21.8	61	14	*	*	*	199	10.3	144	25	30	15.2	*
Change on quarter	7	0.7	2	2	*	*	*	3	0.2	0	-1	4	2.0	*
Change %	8.9		3.0	20.2	*	*	*	1.6		-0.3	-2.8	16.8		*
Change on year	-5	-1.9	-7	2	*	*	*	-9	-0.6	-10	-4	5	2.9	*
Change %	-6.1		-9.6	14.7	*	*	*	-4.4		-6.8	-12.4	18.5		*

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12; 15=17+18+19; 22=24+25+26.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

9(2) Unemployment by age and duration

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	25-49							50 and over						
	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months	All	Rate(%) ¹	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	% over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
People	MGVI	MGXB	YBYH	YBYK	YBYN	YBYQ	YBYT	YBVT	YBVW	YBYW	YBYZ	YBZC	YBZF	YBZI
Feb-Apr 2006	728	4.1	421	135	172	23.6	78	230	2.9	111	34	86	37.4	54
Feb-Apr 2007	719	4.0	392	120	206	28.7	98	251	3.2	126	40	84	33.6	48
May-Jul 2007	698	3.9	393	112	193	27.6	95	245	3.1	113	41	92	37.5	51
Aug-Oct 2007	696	3.9	388	117	191	27.4	94	240	3.0	115	37	88	36.8	48
Nov-Jan 2008	696	3.9	389	119	188	27.0	96	232	2.9	111	40	82	35.3	42
Feb-Apr 2008	710	3.9	394	119	197	27.7	100	238	2.9	110	39	90	37.7	53
Change on quarter	14	0.1	5	0	9	0.8	4	6	0.1	-1	-1	8	2.4	10
Change %	2.0		1.3	0.1	4.9		4.2	2.7		-1.0	-1.7	9.8		24.8
Change on year	-8	-0.1	2	-1	-10	-1.0	2	-13	-0.2	-17	-1	6	4.1	5
Change %	-1.1		0.5	-0.5	-4.6		2.2	-5.0		-13.2	-3.6	6.6		9.4
Men	MGVJ	MGXC	YBYI	YBYL	YBYO	YBYR	YBYU	YBVU	YBVX	YBYX	YBZA	YBZD	YBZG	YBZJ
Feb-Apr 2006	398	4.1	214	72	113	28.3	52	139	3.2	53	20	66	47.1	43
Feb-Apr 2007	387	4.0	187	63	138	35.6	68	164	3.7	77	25	61	37.5	36
May-Jul 2007	372	3.8	187	60	124	33.4	63	160	3.6	67	26	67	41.9	38
Aug-Oct 2007	362	3.7	176	63	124	34.2	66	152	3.4	62	26	63	41.7	35
Nov-Jan 2008	367	3.8	190	59	118	32.0	63	151	3.3	63	28	60	39.7	31
Feb-Apr 2008	373	3.8	184	63	126	33.7	66	150	3.3	61	25	65	43.1	40
Change on quarter	6	0.1	-6	4	8	1.6	3	-1	-0.1	-2	-3	5	3.4	9
Change %	1.7		-3.0	6.5	6.8		4.0	-0.3		-3.4	-11.4	8.1		29.7
Change on year	-14	-0.2	-2	0	-12	-1.9	-2	-14	-0.4	-17	0	3	5.6	4
Change %	-3.6		-1.2	0.6	-8.8		-3.5	-8.3		-21.6	-0.8	5.4		12.5
Women	MGVK	MGXD	YBYJ	YBYM	YBYP	YBYS	YBYV	YBVV	YBVY	YBYV	YBZB	YBZE	YBZH	YBZK
Feb-Apr 2006	330	4.0	207	63	59	18.0	27	91	2.6	57	13	21	22.5	11
Feb-Apr 2007	331	4.0	205	57	69	20.8	30	87	2.5	49	15	23	26.2	12
May-Jul 2007	326	3.9	206	51	68	20.9	32	86	2.4	46	15	25	29.3	13
Aug-Oct 2007	333	4.0	212	55	67	20.1	28	88	2.5	52	11	25	28.4	13
Nov-Jan 2008	329	3.9	199	60	70	21.3	33	81	2.3	48	11	22	27.0	11
Feb-Apr 2008	337	4.0	210	56	71	21.2	35	88	2.4	49	14	25	28.5	13
Change on quarter	8	0.1	11	-4	1	-0.1	1	7	0.2	1	3	3	1.5	1
Change %	2.5		5.3	-6.3	1.8		4.5	8.4		2.2	22.8	14.5		11.4
Change on year	6	0.0	4	-1	3	0.4	5	1	0.0	0	-1	2	2.2	0
Change %	1.8		2.1	-1.6	3.7		15.3	1.1		0.0	-8.2	9.8		0.8

Relationship between columns: 1=3+4+5; 8=10+11+12.

1. Denominator = economically active for that age group.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

10 Claimant count¹ levels and rates

United Kingdom (thousands)
seasonally adjusted

		Claimant count (all aged 18+)		Inflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Outflows: all aged 18+ (standardised ³)	Claimant count (all aged 16+) (not seasonally adjusted)	
		Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²
		BCJD	BCJE	DPRD	DPRE	BCJA	BCJB
People	2007						
	May	877.4	2.7	205.8	216.9	889.1	2.8
	June #	863.2	2.7	205.6	215.9	855.6	2.6 (r)
	July	853.8	2.6 (r)	209.0	218.2	854.1	2.6 (r)
	August	848.6	2.6	208.9	214.9	857.1	2.7
	September #	835.0	2.6	206.9	219.7	827.9	2.6
	October	826.1	2.6	201.9	213.6	801.0	2.5
	November	814.4	2.5	203.0	213.7	785.8	2.4
	December #	807.7	2.5	201.8	208.1	790.4	2.4 (r)
	2008						
	January	794.9	2.5	201.4	211.7	830.5	2.6
	February #	795.5	2.5	205.0	208.0	848.9	2.6
	March	799.1	2.5	204.5	202.3	842.8	2.6
	April (r)	810.3	2.5	217.0	206.8	835.2	2.6
	May (p)	819.3	2.5	214.8	203.7	831.9	2.6
	<i>Change on month</i>	9.0	0.0	-2.2	-3.1	-3.3	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	1.1		-1.0	-1.5	-0.4	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-58.1	-0.2	9.0	-13.2	-57.3	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	-6.6		4.4	-6.1	-6.4	
		DPAE	DPAH	GDZX	GEYR	DPAA	DPAC
Men	2007						
	May	640.2	3.7	143.9	151.8	650.0	3.7 (r)
	June #	629.5	3.6 (r)	144.0	151.5	624.1	3.6
	July	623.5	3.6	146.6	152.8	617.7	3.6
	August	619.8	3.6	146.6	151.0	614.2	3.5 (r)
	September #	609.7	3.5	145.1	155.0	593.3	3.4 (r)
	October	602.9	3.5	141.9	150.2	577.0	3.3 (r)
	November	594.0	3.4 (r)	142.5	150.8	569.8	3.3
	December #	589.4	3.4	141.8	146.2	580.4	3.3 (r)
	2008						
	January	579.4	3.3 (r)	141.6	149.1	610.1	3.5 (r)
	February #	581.0	3.3 (r)	144.8	146.4	622.8	3.6
	March	583.9	3.4	144.2	142.8	618.7	3.6
	April (r)	592.3	3.4	152.6	145.8	611.7	3.5
	May (p)	599.4	3.5	151.8	142.4	610.1	3.5
	<i>Change on month</i>	7.1	0.1	-0.8	-3.4	-1.6	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	1.2		-0.5	-2.3	-0.3	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-40.8	-0.2	7.9	-9.4	-39.9	-0.2
	<i>Change %</i>	-6.4		5.5	-6.2	-6.1	
		DPAF	DPAI	GEYS	GEYT	DPAB	DPAD
Women	2007						
	May	237.2	1.6	61.9	65.1	239.2	1.6
	June #	233.7	1.6	61.6	64.4	231.6	1.5
	July	230.3	1.5	62.4	65.4	236.5	1.6
	August	228.8	1.5	62.3	63.9	242.9	1.6
	September #	225.3	1.5	61.8	64.7	234.6	1.6
	October	223.2	1.5	60.0	63.4	224.0	1.5
	November	220.4	1.5	60.5	62.9	215.9	1.4
	December #	218.3	1.5	60.0	61.9	210.0	1.4
	2008						
	January	215.5	1.4	59.8	62.6	220.4	1.5
	February #	214.5	1.4	60.2	61.6	226.1	1.5
	March	215.2	1.4	60.3	59.5	224.2	1.5
	April (r)	218.0	1.5	64.4	61.0	223.5	1.5
	May (p)	219.9	1.5	63.0	61.3	221.8	1.5
	<i>Change on month</i>	1.9	0.0	-1.4	0.3	-1.7	0.0
	<i>Change %</i>	0.9		-2.2	0.5	-0.8	
	<i>Change on year</i>	-17.3	-0.1	1.1	-3.8	-17.4	-0.1
	<i>Change %</i>	-7.3		1.8	-5.8	-7.3	

1. The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance.

Source: Jobcentre Plus administrative system.

2. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

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3. Flow figures are collected for 4 or 5 week periods between count dates; the figures are then converted to a standard 4¹/₃ week month.

The claimant count inflows, standardised to a 4¹/₃ week month but not seasonally adjusted, for May 2008 were 206,600 in total;

146,900 men and 59,700 women. The corresponding outflow figures were 208,800 in total; 147,800 men and 61,000 women. Non-seasonally adjusted claimant flows for earlier months are available from Nomis® at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>.

Months where there are 5 weeks between count dates. All the rest are 4 week periods.

CLAIMANT COUNT

11(1) Claimant count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	All aged 18 and over							18-24					
	All claimants aged 18+	Computerised claims: All aged 18+	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
People	BCJD	AGLX	AGLZ	AGMC	AGMD	AGMY	AGMZ	AGNA	AGNB	AGNC	AGND	AGNE	AGNF
2007													
May	877.4	874.3	570.4	154.1	149.8	17.1	44.3	266.5	218.4	39.2	8.9	3.3	1.7
June #	863.2	860.1	565.8	148.4	145.9	17.0	43.8	262.6	217.1	37.2	8.3	3.2	1.6
July	853.8	853.5	565.4	145.5	142.6	16.7	43.4	259.3	215.2	36.2	7.9	3.0	1.6
August	848.6	845.2	564.4	142.5	138.3	16.4	42.5	256.3	213.6	35.1	7.6	3.0	1.6
September #	835.0	832.4	560.4	138.4	133.6	16.0	41.3	253.3	212.5	33.7	7.1	2.8	1.5
October	826.1	821.3	558.5	134.2	128.6	15.7	40.0	249.6	210.7	32.2	6.7	2.7	1.5
November	814.4	811.4	554.5	132.4	124.5	15.3	38.6	247.0	208.8	31.4	6.8	2.8	1.7
December #	807.7	802.5	552.3	131.2	119.0	14.8	36.0	246.1	208.5	31.0	6.6	2.7	1.6
2008													
January	794.9	794.0	547.7	130.1	116.2	14.6	34.6	243.5	206.2	30.7	6.6	2.7	1.6
February #	795.5	792.9	552.3	129.4	111.2	14.0	32.1	244.1	207.4	30.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
March	799.1	796.1	557.3	130.6	108.2	13.6	30.4	245.6	207.9	31.4	6.3	2.6	1.6
April (r)	810.3	807.9	572.1	130.4	105.4	13.0	29.3	249.3	212.5	30.8	6.0	2.4	1.6
May (p)	819.3	816.2	582.7	130.8	102.7	12.6	27.8	251.5	215.1	30.7	5.7	2.3	1.5
Change on month	9.0	8.3	10.6	0.4	-2.7	-0.5	-1.5	2.2	2.6	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Change %	1.1	1.0	1.9	0.3	-2.6	-5.1	0.9	1.2	-0.3	-5.0	-6.3		
Change on year	-58.1	-58.1	12.3	-23.3	-47.1	-4.6	-16.5	-15.0	-3.3	-8.5	-3.2	-1.1	-0.2
Change %	-6.6	-6.6	2.2	-15.1	-31.4	-37.2	-5.6	-1.5	-21.7	-36.0	-11.8		
Men	DPAE	AGNG	AGXK	ELNP	ELON	GBHG	IKBS	JLGC	JLGD	JLGE	JLGF	JLGG	JLGH
2007													
May	640.2	637.4	404.2	115.0	118.2	18.5	35.6	179.3	146.5	26.6	6.2	3.5	1.2
June #	629.5	627.5	401.4	111.0	115.1	18.3	35.2	176.9	145.8	25.3	5.8	3.3	1.2
July	623.5	624.1	402.7	108.8	112.6	18.0	34.8	175.2	145.1	24.5	5.6	3.2	1.2
August	619.8	617.4	402.1	106.4	108.9	17.6	34.1	172.8	143.8	23.7	5.3	3.1	1.2
September #	609.7	607.8	399.3	103.4	105.1	17.3	33.1	170.9	143.3	22.7	4.9	2.9	1.1
October	602.9	599.7	398.2	100.3	101.2	16.9	32.0	168.3	141.9	21.7	4.7	2.8	1.1
November	594.0	591.7	395.1	98.9	97.7	16.5	30.8	166.2	140.4	21.1	4.7	2.8	1.2
December #	589.4	585.6	394.2	98.2	93.2	15.9	28.6	165.7	140.3	20.9	4.5	2.7	1.1
2008													
January	579.4	579.4	391.2	97.4	90.8	15.7	27.4	164.0	138.9	20.7	4.4	2.7	1.1
February #	581.0	579.1	395.4	96.9	86.8	15.0	25.4	164.6	139.9	20.5	4.2	2.6	1.1
March	583.9	581.9	399.6	97.8	84.5	14.5	24.1	166.0	140.7	21.1	4.2	2.5	1.1
April (r)	592.3	590.6	410.2	98.1	82.3	13.9	23.2	169.0	144.2	20.8	4.0	2.4	1.1
May (p)	599.4	597.1	418.4	98.6	80.1	13.4	22.0	170.7	146.1	20.8	3.8	2.2	1.0
Change on month	7.1	6.5	8.2	0.5	-2.2	-0.5	-1.2	1.7	1.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Change %	1.2	1.1	2.0	0.5	-2.7	-5.2	1.0	1.3	0.0	-5.0	-9.1		
Change on year	-40.8	-40.3	14.2	-16.4	-38.1	-5.1	-13.6	-8.6	-0.4	-5.8	-2.4	-1.2	-0.2
Change %	-6.4	-6.3	3.5	-14.3	-32.2	-38.2	-4.8	-0.3	-21.8	-38.7	-16.7		
Women	DPAF	JLGI	JLGK	JLGI	JLGL	JLGM	JLGN	JLGO	JLGP	JLGQ	JLGR	JLGS	JLGT
2007													
May	237.2	236.9	166.2	39.1	31.6	13.3	8.7	87.2	71.9	12.6	2.7	3.1	0.5
June #	233.7	232.6	164.4	37.4	30.8	13.2	8.6	85.7	71.3	11.9	2.5	2.9	0.4
July	230.3	229.4	162.7	36.7	30.0	13.1	8.6	84.1	70.1	11.7	2.3	2.7	0.4
August	228.8	227.8	162.3	36.1	29.4	12.9	8.4	83.5	69.8	11.4	2.3	2.8	0.4
September #	225.3	224.6	161.1	35.0	28.5	12.7	8.2	82.4	69.2	11.0	2.2	2.7	0.4
October	223.2	221.6	160.3	33.9	27.4	12.4	8.0	81.3	68.8	10.5	2.0	2.5	0.4
November	220.4	219.7	159.4	33.5	26.8	12.2	7.8	80.8	68.4	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
December #	218.3	216.9	158.1	33.0	25.8	11.9	7.4	80.4	68.2	10.1	2.1	2.6	0.5
2008													
January	215.5	214.6	156.5	32.7	25.4	11.8	7.2	79.5	67.3	10.0	2.2	2.8	0.5
February #	214.5	213.8	156.9	32.5	24.4	11.4	6.7	79.5	67.5	9.9	2.1	2.6	0.5
March	215.2	214.2	157.7	32.8	23.7	11.1	6.3	79.6	67.2	10.3	2.1	2.6	0.5
April (r)	218.0	217.3	161.9	32.3	23.1	10.6	6.1	80.3	68.3	10.0	2.0	2.5	0.5
May (p)	219.9	219.1	164.3	32.2	22.6	10.3	5.8	80.8	69.0	9.9	1.9	2.4	0.5
Change on month	1.9	1.8	2.4	-0.1	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	0.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
Change %	0.9	0.8	1.5	-0.3	-2.2	-4.9	0.6	1.0	-1.0	-5.0	0.0		
Change on year	-17.3	-17.8	-1.9	-6.9	-9.0	-3.0	-2.9	-6.4	-2.9	-2.7	-0.8	-0.7	0.0
Change %	-7.3	-7.5	-1.1	-17.6	-28.5	-33.3	-7.3	-4.0	-21.4	-29.6	0.0		

Relationship between columns: 2= 3+4+5; 6= 5/2; 8= 9+10+11; 12= 11/8.

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CLAIMANT COUNT

11(2) Claimant count¹ by age and duration - computerised claims only²

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

	25-49						50 and over					
	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months	All computerised claims ²	Up to 6 months	Over 6 and up to 12 months	All over 12 months	Percentage claiming over 12 months	All over 24 months
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	JLJU	JLGV	JLGW	JLGX	JLGY	JLGZ	JLHA	JLHB	JLHC	JLHD	JLHE	JLHF
People												
2007												
May	463.6	280.0	91.1	92.5	20.0	18.3	144.2	72.0	23.8	48.4	33.6	24.3
June #	455.8	277.7	88.1	90.0	19.7	18.0	141.7	71.0	23.1	47.6	33.6	24.2
July	453.7	279.3	86.5	87.9	19.4	17.7	140.5	70.9	22.8	46.8	33.3	24.1
August	449.6	279.4	85.1	85.1	18.9	17.2	139.3	71.4	22.3	45.6	32.7	23.7
September #	443.3	277.6	83.0	82.7	18.7	16.9	135.8	70.3	21.7	43.8	32.3	22.9
October	438.1	276.8	81.0	80.3	18.3	16.7	133.6	71.0	21.0	41.6	31.1	21.8
November	434.1	275.3	80.3	78.5	18.1	16.4	130.3	70.4	20.7	39.2	30.1	20.5
December #	429.9	273.7	80.0	76.2	17.7	16.0	126.5	70.1	20.2	36.2	28.6	18.4
2008												
January	426.0	271.7	79.5	74.8	17.6	15.7	124.5	69.8	19.9	34.8	28.0	17.3
February #	426.1	273.6	79.6	72.9	17.1	15.4	122.7	71.3	19.4	32.0	26.1	15.1
March	427.8	276.3	79.8	71.7	16.8	15.0	122.7	73.1	19.4	30.2	24.6	13.8
April (r)	434.4	283.6	80.1	70.7	16.3	14.9	124.2	76.0	19.5	28.7	23.1	12.8
May (p)	439.1	288.9	80.5	69.7	15.9	14.5	125.6	78.7	19.6	27.3	21.7	11.8
Change on month	4.7	5.3	0.4	-1.0	-0.4	-0.4	1.4	2.7	0.1	-1.4	-1.4	-1.0
Change %	1.1	1.9	0.5	-1.4		-2.7	1.1	3.6	0.5	-4.9		-7.8
Change on year	-24.5	8.9	-10.6	-22.8	-4.1	-3.8	-18.6	6.7	-4.2	-21.1	-11.8	-12.5
Change %	-5.3	3.2	-11.6	-24.6		-20.8	-12.9	9.3	-17.6	-43.6		-51.4
Men	AGMA	JLHG	JLHH	JLHI	JLHJ	JLHK	JLHL	JLHM	JLHN	JLHO	JLHP	JLHQ
2007												
May	356.2	209.8	71.6	74.8	21.0	15.1	101.9	47.9	16.8	37.2	36.5	19.3
June #	350.7	208.7	69.3	72.7	20.7	14.8	99.9	46.9	16.4	36.6	36.6	19.2
July	349.8	210.7	68.1	71.0	20.3	14.5	99.1	46.9	16.2	36.0	36.3	19.1
August	346.5	210.9	67.0	68.6	19.8	14.1	98.1	47.4	15.7	35.0	35.7	18.8
September #	341.6	209.7	65.3	66.6	19.5	13.8	95.3	46.3	15.4	33.6	35.3	18.2
October	337.7	209.3	63.8	64.6	19.1	13.6	93.7	47.0	14.8	31.9	34.0	17.3
November	334.5	208.3	63.2	63.0	18.8	13.3	91.0	46.4	14.6	30.0	33.0	16.3
December #	331.7	207.5	63.1	61.1	18.4	13.0	88.2	46.4	14.2	27.6	31.3	14.5
2008												
January	328.5	205.9	62.7	59.9	18.2	12.7	86.9	46.4	14.0	26.5	30.5	13.6
February #	328.7	207.7	62.7	58.3	17.7	12.4	85.8	47.8	13.7	24.3	28.3	11.9
March	330.5	210.0	63.1	57.4	17.4	12.1	85.4	48.9	13.6	22.9	26.8	10.9
April (r)	335.3	215.2	63.5	56.6	16.9	12.0	86.3	50.8	13.8	21.7	25.1	10.1
May (p)	339.2	219.5	63.9	55.8	16.5	11.7	87.2	52.8	13.9	20.5	23.5	9.3
Change on month	3.9	4.3	0.4	-0.8	-0.4	-0.3	0.9	2.0	0.1	-1.2	-1.6	-0.8
Change %	1.2	2.0	0.6	-1.4		-2.5	1.0	3.9	0.7	-5.5		-7.9
Change on year	-17.0	9.7	-7.7	-19.0	-4.5	-3.4	-14.7	4.9	-2.9	-16.7	-13.0	-10.0
Change %	-4.8	4.6	-10.8	-25.4		-22.5	-14.4	10.2	-17.3	-44.9		-51.8
Women	JLHR	JLHS	JLHT	JLHU	JLHV	JLHW	JLHX	JLHY	JLHZ	JLIA	JLIB	JLIC
2007												
May	107.4	70.2	19.5	17.7	16.5	3.2	42.3	24.1	7.0	11.2	26.5	5.0
June #	105.1	69.0	18.8	17.3	16.5	3.2	41.8	24.1	6.7	11.0	26.3	5.0
July	103.9	68.6	18.4	16.9	16.3	3.2	41.4	24.0	6.6	10.8	26.1	5.0
August	103.1	68.5	18.1	16.5	16.0	3.1	41.2	24.0	6.6	10.6	25.7	4.9
September #	101.7	67.9	17.7	16.1	15.8	3.1	40.5	24.0	6.3	10.2	25.2	4.7
October	100.4	67.5	17.2	15.7	15.6	3.1	39.9	24.0	6.2	9.7	24.3	4.5
November	99.6	67.0	17.1	15.5	15.6	3.1	39.3	24.0	6.1	9.2	23.4	4.2
December #	98.2	66.2	16.9	15.1	15.4	3.0	38.3	23.7	6.0	8.6	22.5	3.9
2008												
January	97.5	65.8	16.8	14.9	15.3	3.0	37.6	23.4	5.9	8.3	22.1	3.7
February #	97.4	65.9	16.9	14.6	15.0	3.0	36.9	23.5	5.7	7.7	20.9	3.2
March	97.3	66.3	16.7	14.3	14.7	2.9	37.3	24.2	5.8	7.3	19.6	2.9
April (r)	99.1	68.4	16.6	14.1	14.2	2.9	37.9	25.2	5.7	7.0	18.5	2.7
May (p)	99.9	69.4	16.6	13.9	13.9	2.8	38.4	25.9	5.7	6.8	17.7	2.5
Change on month	0.8	1.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.7	0.0	-0.2	-0.8	-0.2
Change %	0.8	1.5	0.0	-1.4		-3.4	1.3	2.8	0.0	-2.9		-7.4
Change on year	-7.5	-0.8	-2.9	-3.8	-2.6	-0.4	-3.9	1.8	-1.3	-4.4	-8.8	-2.5
Change %	-7.0	-1.1	-14.9	-21.5		-12.5	-9.2	7.5	-18.6	-39.3		-50.0

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(1) Economic activity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
Economically active								
People	MGSF	YBSK	YBZL	YBZO	YBZR	YBZU	YBZX	YCAD
Feb-Apr 2006	30,623	29,457	754	4,084	6,608	11,369	6,641	1,166
Feb-Apr 2007	30,785	29,555	728	4,157	6,576	11,401	6,693	1,230
May-Jul 2007	30,858	29,614	739	4,146	6,565	11,442	6,722	1,244
Aug-Oct 2007	30,954	29,681	737	4,171	6,576	11,444	6,754	1,273
Nov-Jan 2008	31,083	29,792	730	4,190	6,601	11,468	6,803	1,291
Feb-Apr 2008	31,197	29,865	737	4,183	6,626	11,494	6,825	1,332
<i>Change on quarter</i>	114	73	7	-8	25	26	23	41
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.2	1.0	-0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	3.2
<i>Change on year</i>	412	310	9	25	50	93	133	102
<i>Change %</i>	1.3	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.0	8.3
Men	MGSG	YBSL	YBZM	YBZP	YBZS	YBZV	YBZY	YCAE
Feb-Apr 2006	16,588	16,194	378	2,191	3,615	6,047	3,962	394
Feb-Apr 2007	16,719	16,311	365	2,251	3,609	6,082	4,005	408
May-Jul 2007	16,751	16,331	363	2,222	3,615	6,098	4,033	420
Aug-Oct 2007	16,779	16,359	375	2,234	3,615	6,075	4,060	420
Nov-Jan 2008	16,848	16,414	379	2,249	3,613	6,087	4,086	434
Feb-Apr 2008	16,918	16,462	367	2,248	3,635	6,094	4,118	456
<i>Change on quarter</i>	71	48	-12	-1	22	7	32	23
<i>Change %</i>	0.4	0.3	-3.2	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.8	5.2
<i>Change on year</i>	199	151	2	-3	26	12	113	48
<i>Change %</i>	1.2	0.9	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.2	2.8	11.8
Women	MGSH	YBSM	YBZN	YBZQ	YBZT	YBZW	YBZZ	YCAF
Feb-Apr 2006	14,036	13,263	376	1,893	2,993	5,322	2,679	772
Feb-Apr 2007	14,066	13,244	363	1,906	2,967	5,319	2,688	822
May-Jul 2007	14,107	13,283	376	1,924	2,950	5,344	2,689	824
Aug-Oct 2007	14,175	13,322	362	1,937	2,961	5,369	2,693	853
Nov-Jan 2008	14,235	13,378	351	1,941	2,988	5,381	2,717	857
Feb-Apr 2008	14,279	13,403	370	1,935	2,991	5,400	2,707	875
<i>Change on quarter</i>	43	25	19	-7	3	20	-10	18
<i>Change %</i>	0.3	0.2	5.5	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-0.4	2.1
<i>Change on year</i>	213	159	7	28	24	81	19	54
<i>Change %</i>	1.5	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.8	1.5	0.7	6.5
Economic activity rates (%)¹								
People	MGWG	MGSO	YCAC	YCAJ	YCAM	YCAP	MGWP	MGWS
Feb-Apr 2006	63.6	79.0	48.1	74.5	84.4	85.4	72.9	10.7
Feb-Apr 2007	63.4	78.8	46.0	74.1	84.3	85.1	73.3	11.1
May-Jul 2007	63.4	78.8	46.5	73.5	84.3	85.3	73.6	11.2
Aug-Oct 2007	63.5	78.9	46.4	73.7	84.2	85.3	73.8	11.4
Nov-Jan 2008	63.6	79.1	46.0	73.7	84.4	85.4	74.3	11.5
Feb-Apr 2008	63.7	79.2	46.5	73.3	84.5	85.6	74.5	11.8
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
<i>Change on year</i>	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.9	0.2	0.5	1.2	0.7
Men	MGWH	MGSP	YCAH	YCAK	YCAN	YCAQ	MGWQ	MGWT
Feb-Apr 2006	71.0	83.8	47.0	78.8	93.0	92.0	75.0	9.7
Feb-Apr 2007	70.8	83.6	44.7	79.0	93.0	91.9	74.9	10.0
May-Jul 2007	70.8	83.5	44.3	77.5	93.2	92.0	75.2	10.2
Aug-Oct 2007	70.8	83.5	45.9	77.6	93.0	91.7	75.5	10.2
Nov-Jan 2008	70.9	83.7	46.4	77.7	92.8	91.8	75.8	10.4
Feb-Apr 2008	71.0	83.8	45.0	77.4	93.2	91.9	76.2	10.9
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.1	-1.4	-0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.5
<i>Change on year</i>	0.1	0.1	0.3	-1.6	0.1	0.0	1.3	1.0
Women	MGWI	MGSQ	YCAI	YCAL	YCAO	YCAR	MGWR	MGWU
Feb-Apr 2006	56.6	73.8	49.2	70.0	75.9	79.1	70.0	11.3
Feb-Apr 2007	56.4	73.5	47.2	69.1	75.7	78.4	70.9	11.8
May-Jul 2007	56.4	73.7	48.8	69.4	75.4	78.7	71.2	11.8
Aug-Oct 2007	56.6	73.8	47.0	69.6	75.5	79.0	71.4	12.2
Nov-Jan 2008	56.7	74.1	45.6	69.5	76.1	79.2	72.1	12.2
Feb-Apr 2008	56.8	74.2	48.0	69.0	76.0	79.4	72.0	12.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	0.1	0.1	2.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	-0.2	0.2
<i>Change on year</i>	0.4	0.7	0.8	-0.1	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.5

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+8; 2=3+4+5+6+7.

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

12(2) Economic inactivity by age

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	All aged	16 - 59/64	16 - 17	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 49	50 - 64 (m) &	65+ (m) &
	16 & over						50 - 59 (w)	60+ (w)
	1						2	3
Economically inactive								
People	MGSI	YBSN	YCAS	YCAV	YCAI	YCBB	MGWA	MGWD
Feb-Apr 2006	17,529	7,838	815	1,400	1,219	1,937	2,466	9,691
Feb-Apr 2007	17,770	7,967	856	1,451	1,222	1,996	2,442	9,804
May-Jul 2007	17,801	7,961	850	1,494	1,226	1,975	2,415	9,840
Aug-Oct 2007	17,812	7,943	851	1,491	1,231	1,977	2,392	9,869
Nov-Jan 2008	17,792	7,882	856	1,495	1,222	1,958	2,351	9,910
Feb-Apr 2008	17,786	7,859	848	1,526	1,212	1,937	2,337	9,927
Change on quarter	-6	-23	-9	31	-10	-21	-14	17
Change %	0.0	-0.3	-1.0	2.1	-0.8	-1.1	-0.6	0.2
Change on year	16	-107	-8	75	-10	-59	-105	123
Change %	0.1	-1.3	-1.0	5.2	-0.8	-3.0	-4.3	1.3
Men	MGSJ	YBSO	YCAT	YCAW	YCAZ	YCBC	MGWB	MGWE
Feb-Apr 2006	6,785	3,134	427	589	271	529	1,318	3,651
Feb-Apr 2007	6,880	3,193	451	599	270	534	1,340	3,686
May-Jul 2007	6,906	3,218	456	646	262	527	1,328	3,688
Aug-Oct 2007	6,936	3,225	442	646	270	552	1,314	3,711
Nov-Jan 2008	6,927	3,206	437	644	281	542	1,302	3,721
Feb-Apr 2008	6,915	3,193	448	658	266	538	1,283	3,722
Change on quarter	-12	-13	11	14	-14	-4	-19	1
Change %	-0.2	-0.4	2.5	2.1	-5.0	-0.8	-1.5	0.0
Change on year	36	0	-3	59	-3	4	-57	36
Change %	0.5	0.0	-0.6	9.9	-1.2	0.7	-4.2	1.0
Women	MGSK	YBSP	YCAU	YCAX	YCBA	YCBD	MGWC	MGWF
Feb-Apr 2006	10,744	4,704	388	811	949	1,408	1,148	6,040
Feb-Apr 2007	10,891	4,773	405	853	952	1,461	1,102	6,118
May-Jul 2007	10,895	4,742	394	848	964	1,448	1,088	6,153
Aug-Oct 2007	10,876	4,718	408	845	961	1,425	1,078	6,158
Nov-Jan 2008	10,865	4,676	419	851	941	1,416	1,049	6,189
Feb-Apr 2008	10,871	4,666	400	868	945	1,398	1,054	6,205
Change on quarter	6	-11	-19	17	4	-17	5	17
Change %	0.1	-0.2	-4.6	2.0	0.5	-1.2	0.4	0.3
Change on year	-20	-107	-5	16	-7	-63	-48	87
Change %	-0.2	-2.2	-1.3	1.8	-0.7	-4.3	-4.4	1.4
Economic inactivity rates (%)¹								
People	YBTC	YBTL	LWEX	LWFA	LWFD	LWFG	LWFJ	LWFM
Feb-Apr 2006	36.4	21.0	51.9	25.5	15.6	14.6	27.1	89.3
Feb-Apr 2007	36.6	21.2	54.0	25.9	15.7	14.9	26.7	88.9
May-Jul 2007	36.6	21.2	53.5	26.5	15.7	14.7	26.4	88.8
Aug-Oct 2007	36.5	21.1	53.6	26.3	15.8	14.7	26.2	88.6
Nov-Jan 2008	36.4	20.9	54.0	26.3	15.6	14.6	25.7	88.5
Feb-Apr 2008	36.3	20.8	53.5	26.7	15.5	14.4	25.5	88.2
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Change on year	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	0.9	-0.2	-0.5	-1.2	-0.7
Men	YBTD	YBTM	LWEY	LWFB	LWFE	LWFH	LWFK	LWFN
Feb-Apr 2006	29.0	16.2	53.0	21.2	7.0	8.0	25.0	90.3
Feb-Apr 2007	29.2	16.4	55.3	21.0	7.0	8.1	25.1	90.0
May-Jul 2007	29.2	16.5	55.7	22.5	6.8	8.0	24.8	89.8
Aug-Oct 2007	29.2	16.5	54.1	22.4	7.0	8.3	24.5	89.8
Nov-Jan 2008	29.1	16.3	53.6	22.3	7.2	8.2	24.2	89.6
Feb-Apr 2008	29.0	16.2	55.0	22.6	6.8	8.1	23.8	89.1
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Change on year	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	1.6	-0.1	0.0	-1.3	-1.0
Women	YBTE	YBTN	LWEZ	LWFC	LWFF	LWFI	LWFL	LWFO
Feb-Apr 2006	43.4	26.2	50.8	30.0	24.1	20.9	30.0	88.7
Feb-Apr 2007	43.6	26.5	52.8	30.9	24.3	21.6	29.1	88.2
May-Jul 2007	43.6	26.3	51.2	30.6	24.6	21.3	28.8	88.2
Aug-Oct 2007	43.4	26.2	53.0	30.4	24.5	21.0	28.6	87.8
Nov-Jan 2008	43.3	25.9	54.4	30.5	23.9	20.8	27.9	87.8
Feb-Apr 2008	43.2	25.8	52.0	31.0	24.0	20.6	28.0	87.6
Change on quarter	-0.1	-0.1	-2.5	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.2	-0.2
Change on year	-0.4	-0.7	-0.8	0.1	-0.3	-1.0	-1.1	-0.5

Relationship between columns: 1 = 2+8; 2 = 3+4+5+6+7.

1. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

13 Economic inactivity: reasons

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economic inactivity by reason									
	Student	Looking after family / home	Temp sick	Long-term sick	Discouraged workers	Retired	Other	Does not want a job	Wants a job	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
People	YBSN	BEDZ	BEEC	BEBK	BEBN	YCFO	BEEI	BEEL	YBVZ	YBWC
Feb-Apr 2006	7,838	1,851	2,326	190	2,059	34	588	789	5,802	2,036
Feb-Apr 2007	7,967	1,894	2,345	209	2,071	35	609	804	5,856	2,111
May-Jul 2007	7,961	1,913	2,340	194	2,042	38	610	822	5,872	2,089
Aug-Oct 2007	7,943	1,940	2,303	202	2,028	40	607	822	5,842	2,100
Nov-Jan 2008	7,882	1,960	2,250	188	2,049	35	604	796	5,790	2,093
Feb-Apr 2008	7,859	1,956	2,275	172	2,023	41	591	801	5,743	2,116
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-23	-5	25	-16	-27	7	-13	5	-47	24
<i>Change %</i>	-0.3	-0.2	1.1	-8.8	-1.3	19.9	-2.1	0.7	-0.8	1.1
<i>Change on year</i>	-107	61	-69	-37	-48	7	-18	-2	-113	5
<i>Change %</i>	-1.3	3.2	-3.0	-17.9	-2.3	19.3	-3.0	-0.3	-1.9	0.2
Men	YBSO	BEEH	BEAQ	BEDI	BEDL	YCFP	BEDR	BEDU	YBWA	YBWD
Feb-Apr 2006	3,134	918	195	94	1,125	25	431	346	2,272	861
Feb-Apr 2007	3,193	944	200	107	1,140	23	439	339	2,289	904
May-Jul 2007	3,218	977	197	90	1,135	22	448	350	2,328	890
Aug-Oct 2007	3,225	977	194	99	1,127	22	448	359	2,329	896
Nov-Jan 2008	3,206	973	189	97	1,142	17	440	347	2,321	885
Feb-Apr 2008	3,193	1,001	189	80	1,120	21	432	350	2,302	891
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-13	27	1	-17	-21	4	-9	2	-18	6
<i>Change %</i>	-0.4	2.8	0.3	-17.9	-1.9	26.5	-1.9	0.7	-0.8	0.6
<i>Change on year</i>	0	57	-11	-28	-20	-2	-8	10	14	-14
<i>Change %</i>	0.0	6.1	-5.3	-25.6	-1.8	-8.1	-1.7	3.0	0.6	-1.5
Women	YBSP	BEEL	BEBO	BEEG	BEEJ	YCFQ	BEEP	BEES	YBWB	YBWE
Feb-Apr 2006	4,704	933	2,130	96	934	10	158	443	3,529	1,175
Feb-Apr 2007	4,773	951	2,145	102	931	11	170	464	3,567	1,206
May-Jul 2007	4,742	936	2,143	105	908	16	162	472	3,543	1,199
Aug-Oct 2007	4,718	963	2,109	104	901	18	159	463	3,513	1,205
Nov-Jan 2008	4,676	987	2,061	91	908	18	164	448	3,469	1,207
Feb-Apr 2008	4,666	955	2,086	92	902	20	160	452	3,440	1,225
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-11	-32	25	1	-5	2	-4	3	-29	18
<i>Change %</i>	-0.2	-3.3	1.2	1.0	-0.6	13.6	-2.6	0.7	-0.8	1.5
<i>Change on year</i>	-107	4	-59	-10	-28	9	-10	-13	-126	19
<i>Change %</i>	-2.2	0.4	-2.7	-9.7	-3.0	74.9	-6.2	-2.7	-3.5	1.6
Percentage of economically inactive (%)										
People	BEAR	BEDJ	BEDM	BEDP	BEDS	BEDV	BEDY	BEEB	BEEE	BEBM
Feb-Apr 2006	100	23.6	29.7	2.4	26.3	0.4	7.5	10.1	74.0	26.0
Feb-Apr 2007	100	23.8	29.4	2.6	26.0	0.4	7.6	10.1	73.5	26.5
May-Jul 2007	100	24.0	29.4	2.4	25.7	0.5	7.7	10.3	73.8	26.2
Aug-Oct 2007	100	24.4	29.0	2.5	25.5	0.5	7.6	10.4	73.6	26.4
Nov-Jan 2008	100	24.9	28.5	2.4	26.0	0.4	7.7	10.1	73.5	26.5
Feb-Apr 2008	100	24.9	29.0	2.2	25.7	0.5	7.5	10.2	73.1	26.9
Men	BEBP	BEEH	BEEK	BEEH	BEEQ	BEEU	BEEW	BEEZ	BEAS	BEGT
Feb-Apr 2006	100	29.3	6.2	3.0	35.9	0.8	13.7	11.0	72.5	27.5
Feb-Apr 2007	100	29.6	6.3	3.4	35.7	0.7	13.8	10.6	71.7	28.3
May-Jul 2007	100	30.4	6.1	2.8	35.3	0.7	13.9	10.9	72.4	27.6
Aug-Oct 2007	100	30.3	6.0	3.1	34.9	0.7	13.9	11.1	72.2	27.8
Nov-Jan 2008	100	30.4	5.9	3.0	35.6	0.5	13.7	10.8	72.4	27.6
Feb-Apr 2008	100	31.3	5.9	2.5	35.1	0.7	13.5	11.0	72.1	27.9
Women	BEGW	BEGZ	BEHC	BEHF	BEHI	BEHL	BEHO	BEBQ	BEHR	BEHU
Feb-Apr 2006	100	19.8	45.3	2.0	19.9	0.2	3.4	9.4	75.0	25.0
Feb-Apr 2007	100	19.9	44.9	2.1	19.5	0.2	3.6	9.7	74.7	25.3
May-Jul 2007	100	19.7	45.2	2.2	19.1	0.3	3.4	10.0	74.7	25.3
Aug-Oct 2007	100	20.4	44.7	2.2	19.1	0.4	3.4	9.8	74.5	25.5
Nov-Jan 2008	100	21.1	44.1	1.9	19.4	0.4	3.5	9.6	74.2	25.8
Feb-Apr 2008	100	20.5	44.7	2.0	19.3	0.4	3.4	9.7	73.7	26.3

Relationship between columns : 1=2+3+4+5+6+7+8; 1=9+10.

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND INACTIVITY

14 Educational status, economic activity & inactivity of young people

February to April 2008

United Kingdom (thousands) seasonally adjusted

	Economically active			Total in employment			Unemployed			Economically inactive		
	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²	Total	Not in FTE ¹	In FTE ²
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Levels

People												
16-17	737	267	470	551	189	361	186	78	108	848	125	723
18-24	4,183	3,439	744	3,675	3,025	649	508	414	94	1,526	616	910
all under 25	4,919	3,706	1,214	4,225	3,214	1,011	694	492	203	2,374	741	1,633
Men												
16-17	367	158	209	261	110	151	106	48	57	448	67	380
18-24	2,248	1,906	342	1,939	1,651	288	309	255	54	658	171	487
all under 25	2,615	2,064	551	2,200	1,761	439	415	303	112	1,105	238	867
Women												
16-17	370	109	261	289	79	210	81	30	51	400	57	343
18-24	1,935	1,533	402	1,736	1,374	362	199	159	40	868	445	423
all under 25	2,305	1,642	663	2,025	1,453	572	280	189	91	1,268	502	766

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	7	5	2	-2	5	-7	9	-1	9	-9	1	-10
18-24	-8	-43	36	-16	-42	26	9	-1	10	31	18	12
all under 25	-1	-39	38	-18	-37	19	18	-2	19	22	20	3
Men												
16-17	-12	-3	-9	-14	-1	-14	2	-2	4	11	1	9
18-24	-1	-13	12	-6	-15	9	5	2	3	14	-9	23
all under 25	-13	-16	3	-21	-16	-5	8	0	8	25	-7	32
Women												
16-17	19	8	11	13	6	6	7	2	5	-19	0	-19
18-24	-7	-31	24	-10	-27	17	3	-3	6	17	27	-10
all under 25	12	-23	35	3	-21	24	10	-2	11	-2	27	-29

Rates(%)³

People												
16-17	46.5	68.2	39.4	34.7	48.2	30.3	25.3	29.2	23.0	53.5	31.8	60.6
18-24	73.3	84.8	45.0	64.4	74.6	39.3	12.1	12.0	12.7	26.7	15.2	55.0
all under 25	67.5	83.3	42.6	57.9	72.3	35.5	14.1	13.3	16.7	32.5	16.7	57.4
Men												
16-17	45.0	70.1	35.4	32.1	48.7	25.7	28.8	30.5	27.5	55.0	29.9	64.6
18-24	77.4	91.8	41.3	66.7	79.5	34.7	13.7	13.4	15.9	22.6	8.2	58.7
all under 25	70.3	89.6	38.9	59.1	76.5	31.0	15.9	14.7	20.3	29.7	10.4	61.1
Women												
16-17	48.0	65.5	43.2	37.6	47.6	34.8	21.8	27.3	19.5	52.0	34.5	56.8
18-24	69.0	77.5	48.7	61.9	69.5	43.8	10.3	10.4	10.0	31.0	22.5	51.3
all under 25	64.5	76.6	46.4	56.7	67.8	40.0	12.1	11.5	13.7	35.5	23.4	53.6

Changes on quarter

People												
16-17	0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	1.0	-0.7	1.9	-0.5	-0.2	-0.4
18-24	-0.4	-0.5	0.9	-0.5	-0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.5	-0.9
all under 25	-0.2	-0.5	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	0.4	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.5	-0.7
Men												
16-17	-1.4	-0.8	-1.6	-1.7	0.0	-2.3	1.6	-0.7	3.2	1.4	0.8	1.6
18-24	-0.4	0.3	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	-0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.3
all under 25	-0.6	0.2	-0.8	-0.7	0.1	-1.1	0.4	0.1	1.3	0.6	-0.2	0.8
Women												
16-17	2.5	1.7	2.4	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.7	-0.5	1.1	-2.5	-1.7	-2.4
18-24	-0.5	-1.4	2.1	-0.6	-1.3	1.4	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.5	1.4	-2.1
all under 25	0.2	-1.2	2.3	-0.1	-1.1	1.5	0.4	0.1	1.1	-0.2	1.2	-2.3

Relationship between columns: 1=2+3; 4=5+6; 7=8+9; 10=11+12.

Source: Labour Force Survey
Labour Market Statistics Helpline 01633 456901

1. Not in full-time education includes people in part-time education and/or some form of training. Estimates of the number of young people who are not in employment, education or training ("NEET") cannot therefore be derived from this table.

2. In full-time education.

3. Denominator = all persons in the relevant age group for economically active, total in employment and economically inactive; economically active for unemployed

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definition

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

15 Average Earnings - including bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMQ	LNMU	LNNC	LNKY	LNKZ	LNNB	LNNJ	LNKW	LNNE
Apr 06	125.5	4.1	4.3	124.8	4.3	4.4	129.0	3.7	4.1
Feb 07 (r)	130.7	4.4	4.5	130.3	4.8	4.8	132.0	2.7	3.1
Mar 07 (r)	129.3	3.2	4.2	128.9	3.6	4.6	132.7	3.2	3.0
Apr 07 (r)	130.1	3.6	3.7	129.3	3.6	4.0	133.1	3.2	3.0
May 07	130.5	3.6	3.5	129.9	3.8	3.7 (r)	133.3	3.0	3.1
Jun 07	131.1	3.2	3.5 (r)	130.5	3.2	3.6 (r)	133.7	3.1	3.1
Jul 07	131.5	3.8	3.5	131.0	4.2	3.7	134.0	2.5	2.8
Aug 07	132.1	4.2	3.7	131.7	4.4	3.9	134.4	3.2	2.9
Sep 07	132.7	4.2	4.1	132.2	4.4	4.3	135.0	3.2	3.0
Oct 07	132.7	3.7	4.0	132.1	3.8	4.2	135.3	3.2	3.2
Nov 07	133.2	4.2	4.0	132.8	4.3	4.2	135.8	3.4	3.3
Dec 07	133.7	3.7	3.8	133.1	3.8	4.0	136.3	3.3	3.3
Jan 08	134.4	3.8	3.9	133.8	3.9	4.0	136.9	3.6	3.5
Feb 08 (r)	135.4	3.6	3.7	134.8	3.5	3.7	137.5	4.2	3.7
Mar 08 (r)	135.3	4.7	4.0	135.0	4.7	4.0	137.6	3.7	3.8
Apr 08 (p)	134.2	3.2	3.8	133.5	3.2	3.8	138.0	3.7	3.8
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	LNMR	LNMV	LNNB	LNMT	LNMX	LNNH	JJGH	JJGI	JJGJ
Apr 06	126.2	6.1	5.3	125.5	3.4	4.2	124.5	3.6	4.3
Feb 07 (r)	129.1	3.5	3.6	131.1	4.7	4.8	130.7	5.4	5.4
Mar 07 (r)	129.3	3.4	3.5	129.6	2.9	4.3	128.4	2.8	4.7
Apr 07 (r)	130.2	3.1	3.3	130.3	3.9	3.8	129.5	4.0	4.1
May 07	130.7	4.4	3.6 (r)	130.6	3.5	3.4	129.7	3.8	3.5
Jun 07	131.2	3.9	3.8	131.1	3.2	3.5 (r)	130.4	3.2	3.7 (r)
Jul 07	131.1	4.3	4.2	131.8	3.8	3.5	131.1	4.2	3.7
Aug 07	130.9	2.8	3.6	132.6	4.6	3.9	131.9	5.0	4.1
Sep 07	131.1	2.2	3.1	133.2	4.5	4.3	132.6	4.9	4.7
Oct 07	131.6	2.5	2.5	133.1	4.0	4.3	132.3	4.1	4.7
Nov 07	132.6	3.5	2.8	133.6	4.2	4.2	132.8	4.4	4.5
Dec 07	133.2	4.2	3.4	133.9	3.6	3.9	133.1	3.7	4.1
Jan 08	133.3	3.8	3.8	134.8	4.0	3.9	134.1	4.1	4.1
Feb 08 (r)	133.1	3.2	3.7	136.1	3.8	3.8	135.5	3.7	3.8
Mar 08 (r)	135.2	4.6	3.8	136.1	5.0	4.3	135.4	5.4	4.4
Apr 08 (p)	133.7	2.7	3.5	135.1	3.6	4.2	134.1	3.6	4.2

1. The data exclude any arrears of pay.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

2. The 3 month average figures are the changes in the average seasonally adjusted index values for the last 3 months compared with the same period a year ago.

Average Earnings Index enquiries: 01633 456120

A more detailed level of industry breakdown can be obtained from the Employment and Earnings dataset, which is available from the Time Series Data facility on the National Statistics website (<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/tsdintro.asp>). This more detailed breakdown is only available non seasonally adjusted.

EARNINGS, PRODUCTIVITY & UNIT WAGE COSTS

16 Average Earnings - excluding bonuses¹

2000=100

Great Britain, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy			Private sector			Public sector		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQDW	JQDX	JQDY	JQEC	JQED	JQEE	JQDZ	JQEA	JQEB
Apr 06	126.2	3.7	3.7	125.6	4.0	3.8	128.0	2.6	3.5
Feb 07 (r)	129.7	3.5	3.6	129.3	3.8	3.7	131.6	2.7	3.0
Mar 07 (r)	130.2	3.7	3.6	129.6	3.9	3.8	132.2	3.1	3.0
Apr 07 (r)	130.5	3.4	3.5	130.0	3.5	3.7	132.2	3.3	3.0
May 07	130.9	3.5	3.5	130.5	3.5	3.6	132.8	3.3	3.2
Jun 07	131.3	3.5	3.5 (r)	131.0	3.6	3.5	133.0	3.0	3.2
Jul 07	131.7	3.7	3.6	131.4	4.0	3.7	133.4	2.8	3.0
Aug 07	132.3	3.8	3.7	131.9	3.9	3.8	134.1	3.5	3.1
Sep 07	132.6	3.5	3.7	132.1	3.6	3.8	134.6	3.4	3.2
Oct 07	133.0	3.5	3.6	132.5	3.5	3.7	135.1	3.5	3.5
Nov 07	133.5	3.7	3.6	133.0	3.8	3.6	135.4	3.4	3.4
Dec 07	133.8	3.7	3.7	133.3	3.7	3.7	136.1	3.7	3.6
Jan 08	134.1	3.6	3.7	133.6	3.6	3.7	136.4	3.5	3.6
Feb 08 (r)	134.9	4.0	3.8	134.3	3.9	3.7	137.0	4.2	3.8
Mar 08 (r)	135.2	3.8	3.8	134.6	3.8	3.8	137.3	3.9	3.9
Apr 08 (p)	135.4	3.8	3.9	134.8	3.7	3.8	137.7	4.1	4.1
	Manufacturing			Services			of which Private sector services		
	Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year		Average earnings index	% changes year on year	
		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²		Single month	3 month average ²
	JQEF	JQEG	JQEH	JQEL	JQEM	JQEN	JQEO	JQEP	JQEQ
Apr 06	125.6	4.9	4.7	126.3	3.4	3.5	125.7	3.7	3.5
Feb 07 (r)	129.4	3.5	3.7	130.0	3.8	3.7	129.5	4.2	4.0
Mar 07 (r)	130.0	4.0	3.8	130.4	3.6	3.7	129.7	3.8	4.0
Apr 07 (r)	130.6	4.0	3.9	130.6	3.4	3.6	130.2	3.6	3.9
May 07	130.7	3.7	3.9	131.3	3.6	3.5	130.7	3.8	3.7
Jun 07	131.3	3.8	3.8	131.7	3.6	3.6 (r)	131.3	3.9	3.8 (r)
Jul 07	131.6	4.1	3.9	132.1	3.8	3.7	131.7	4.1	3.9
Aug 07	131.9	3.7	3.9	132.7	4.0	3.8	132.2	4.2	4.1
Sep 07	132.1	3.2	3.7	133.0	3.7	3.8	132.5	3.9	4.1
Oct 07	132.8	3.6	3.5	133.5	3.6	3.8	132.9	3.7	3.9
Nov 07	133.2	3.7	3.5	133.9	3.8	3.7	133.4	4.0	3.9
Dec 07	133.5	3.9	3.7	134.3	3.9	3.8	133.7	3.9	3.9
Jan 08	133.7	3.7	3.8	134.7	3.8	3.8	134.1	3.9	3.9
Feb 08 (r)	134.0	3.5	3.7	135.4	4.1	3.9	134.7	4.1	4.0
Mar 08 (r)	134.5	3.4	3.5	135.9	4.3	4.0	135.4	4.4	4.1
Apr 08 (p)	134.3	2.8	3.2	136.0	4.1	4.2	135.5	4.1	4.2

For footnotes and contact details - see Table 15.

Source: Monthly Wages & Salaries Survey

17 Productivity and unit wage costs

United Kingdom, seasonally adjusted

	Whole Economy		Manufacturing			
	Unit Wage Costs	Output per Worker	Unit Wage Costs		Output per filled job	
			% changes year on year		% changes year on year	
	% change over year	% change over year	single month	3 month average	single month	3 month average
LOJE	A4YN	LOUW	LOJF	LNUU	LOUV	
Apr 06			1.8	0.8	4.3	4.5
Apr 07 (r)			-1.1	-0.1	4.3	3.5
May 07			1.1	0.1 (r)	3.3	3.6 (r)
Jun 07			0.6 (r)	0.2	3.2 (r)	3.6
Jul 07			0.9 (r)	0.9 (r)	3.4	3.3
Aug 07			-0.1	0.5 (r)	2.9	3.2
Sep 07			0.6	0.5 (r)	1.6	2.6 (r)
Oct 07			0.4 (r)	0.3	2.1 (r)	2.2 (r)
Nov 07			1.4	0.8	2.1	2.0
Dec 07			1.9	1.2	2.3	2.2
Jan 08			1.3 (r)	1.5	2.5 (r)	2.3
Feb 08 (r)			-0.5	0.9	3.7	2.8
Mar 08 (r)			2.2	1.0	2.4	2.8
Apr 08			0.6	0.8	2.0	2.7
2005 Q4	3.1	1.3				
2006 Q1	2.3	1.9				
2006 Q2	2.5	2.0				
2006 Q3	2.1	2.4				
2006 Q4	1.6	2.1				
2007 Q1	2.5	2.5				
2007 Q2	1.4	2.5				
2007 Q3	1.8	2.3				
2007 Q4	2.7	1.7				

Sources: Whole Economy - National Accounts and Productivity Jobs

Manufacturing - Index of Production, Productivity Jobs and Monthly Wages and Salaries Survey

Productivity and Unit Wage Costs enquiries: 01633 456720

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

18(1) Regional labour market summary

Thousands, seasonally adjusted

Labour Force Survey¹ (February to April 2008)

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (February to April 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over			Economically active				Employment					Unemployment				
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men		Women	Total	Men		Women				
Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
North East	2,073	1,250	76.0	669	581	1,163	70.6	620	73.3	543	67.8	88	7.0	50	7.4	38	6.6
North West	5,496	3,374	77.0	1,822	1,553	3,167	72.2	1,693	75.0	1,474	69.2	207	6.1	129	7.1	78	5.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	4,171	2,608	77.8	1,426	1,182	2,468	73.5	1,340	77.5	1,128	69.1	140	5.4	85	6.0	54	4.6
East Midlands	3,558	2,297	80.7	1,247	1,049	2,172	76.1	1,180	79.4	992	72.5	125	5.4	67	5.4	58	5.5
West Midlands	4,285	2,665	78.0	1,460	1,205	2,493	72.7	1,357	76.8	1,136	68.2	171	6.4	103	7.0	68	5.7
East	4,541	2,966	82.0	1,612	1,354	2,831	78.1	1,539	82.6	1,293	73.2	134	4.5	73	4.5	61	4.5
London	6,091	4,044	76.9	2,263	1,781	3,766	71.5	2,109	78.7	1,657	63.7	278	6.9	154	6.8	124	7.0
South East	6,634	4,402	82.7	2,355	2,047	4,234	79.5	2,272	84.2	1,962	74.4	168	3.8	83	3.5	85	4.1
South West	4,189	2,665	82.0	1,435	1,231	2,559	78.7	1,374	82.1	1,184	74.9	107	4.0	60	4.2	46	3.8
England	41,037	26,271	79.4	14,289	11,982	24,853	75.0	13,484	79.3	11,369	70.2	1,418	5.4	805	5.6	613	5.1
Wales	2,402	1,437	76.6	773	663	1,360	72.5	729	75.8	631	68.9	76	5.3	44	5.7	32	4.9
Scotland	4,176	2,663	80.3	1,403	1,260	2,547	76.7	1,336	79.3	1,211	74.0	116	4.4	67	4.8	48	3.8
Great Britain	47,615	30,370	79.3	16,465	13,905	28,760	75.0	15,549	79.1	13,211	70.5	1,610	5.3	917	5.6	694	5.0
Northern Ireland	1,368	827	73.5	453	374	795	70.5	431	75.3	363	65.4	33	3.9	22	4.8	11	2.9
United Kingdom	48,983	31,197	79.2	16,918	14,279	29,554	74.9	15,980	79.0	13,574	70.4	1,643	5.3	938	5.5	704	4.9

Change on quarter:⁴

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (February to April 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over			Economically active				Employment					Unemployment				
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men		Women	Total	Men		Women				
Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	
North East	3	8	-0.1	1	6	-7	-0.9	-5	-1.0	-2	-0.8	15	1.1	6	0.9	8	1.4
North West	8	-20	-0.5	-21	0	-28	-0.7	-26	-1.2	-2	0.0	7	0.3	5	0.4	2	0.1
Yorkshire & the Humber	11	12	0.0	2	11	2	-0.2	1	-0.3	1	-0.2	11	0.4	1	0.0	10	0.8
East Midlands	11	21	0.6	10	11	20	0.5	11	0.5	9	0.6	1	0.0	-1	-0.1	2	0.1
West Midlands	6	7	0.1	9	-1	-15	-0.6	-6	-0.7	-9	-0.6	23	0.8	15	1.0	8	0.7
East	13	5	-0.3	5	1	0	-0.4	6	-0.1	-6	-0.8	5	0.2	-1	-0.1	6	0.5
London	15	50	0.8	26	24	47	0.8	28	0.9	19	0.7	3	0.0	-2	-0.2	5	0.2
South East	16	9	0.0	7	2	31	0.5	22	0.7	9	0.3	-23	-0.5	-15	-0.7	-7	-0.4
South West	11	-8	-0.5	3	-11	-19	-0.8	-4	-0.5	-15	-1.1	10	0.4	7	0.5	4	0.3
England	93	83	0.1	42	42	31	-0.1	28	-0.1	4	-0.1	52	0.2	14	0.1	38	0.3
Wales	5	34	1.7	19	15	27	1.3	11	1.0	16	1.6	7	0.4	9	1.0	-1	-0.3
Scotland	6	-10	-0.6	7	-17	7	-0.1	14	0.6	-7	-0.7	-17	-0.6	-7	-0.5	-10	-0.7
Great Britain	105	107	0.1	68	39	65	0.0	52	0.0	13	-0.1	42	0.1	16	0.1	26	0.2
Northern Ireland	3	7	0.7	3	4	11	1.0	5	0.9	6	1.1	-4	-0.5	-2	-0.5	-1	-0.4
United Kingdom	108	114	0.1	71	43	76	0.0	57	0.0	19	0.0	38	0.1	14	0.1	25	0.2

Change on year:

	Labour Force Survey ¹ (February to April 2008)																
	Total aged 16 & over			Economically active				Employment					Unemployment				
	Total	Total		Men	Women	Total	Men		Women	Total	Men		Women				
Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Level	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ²	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	Level	Rate (%) ³	
North East	13	20	-0.1	-3	22	14	-0.4	2	-1.2	12	0.6	6	0.4	-5	-0.6	11	1.6
North West	31	-5	-0.2	-3	-2	-16	-0.5	-8	-0.9	-8	-0.1	12	0.3	5	0.3	6	0.4
Yorkshire & the Humber	45	48	0.3	17	31	58	0.6	27	0.7	31	0.5	-10	-0.5	-10	-0.8	-1	-0.2
East Midlands	42	34	0.3	14	19	30	0.0	9	-1.0	21	1.1	4	0.1	6	0.4	-2	-0.3
West Midlands	22	22	0.4	14	8	17	0.2	5	-0.1	12	0.5	5	0.1	9	0.5	-4	-0.3
East	51	54	0.5	6	48	54	0.6	7	-0.8	47	2.0	0	-0.1	-1	-0.1	1	-0.1
London	57	122	1.5	76	46	128	1.7	80	2.1	48	1.3	-6	-0.4	-4	-0.4	-2	-0.3
South East	62	64	0.6	31	33	89	1.1	58	1.6	31	0.6	-25	-0.6	-27	-1.2	3	0.1
South West	46	51	0.5	42	9	45	0.4	34	0.8	11	0.0	6	0.1	8	0.4	-2	-0.2
England	367	410	0.5	195	214	419	0.6	214	0.4	205	0.7	-9	-0.1	-19	-0.2	10	0.0
Wales	19	16	0.8	12	4	20	1.0	14	0.8	6	1.2	-5	-0.4	-2	-0.4	-2	-0.4
Scotland	26	-12	-0.4	-7	-5	8	0.2	1	-0.4	7	0.8	-20	-0.7	-7	-0.5	-13	-1.0
Great Britain	412	413	0.4	200	213	447	0.5	229	0.3	218	0.8	-34	-0.2	-28	-0.2	-5	-0.1
Northern Ireland	15	-1	-0.8	-1	0	-1	-0.8	-3	-0.8	2	-0.7	-1	-0.1	1	0.3	-2	-0.6
United Kingdom	428	412	0.4	199	213	446	0.5	226	0.3	221	0.7	-34	-0.2	-27	-0.2	-8	-0.1

Relationship between columns: 2= 4+5 = 6+12; 6= 8+10; 12= 14+16.

Source: Labour Force Survey

1. Labour Force Survey is tabulated by region of residence.

2. Denominator = all persons of working age.

3. Denominator = Total economically active.

4. Quarter on quarter changes at regional level are particularly subject to sampling variability and should be interpreted in the context of changes over several quarters rather than in isolation.

The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population in private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definitions.

Further regional and local area Labour Market statistics are available. See Background Note 1 for details.

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Thousands

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (March 2008); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (May 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) ³ 5	Level 6	Rate (%) ³ 7	Level 8	Rate (%) ³ 9
North East	1,184	618	567	49.2	4.0	37.0	5.6	12.2	2.1
North West	3,386	1,789	1,597	109.7	3.1	82.5	4.4	27.2	1.7
Yorkshire & the Humber	2,550	1,347	1,203	78.6	3.0	58.5	4.1	20.1	1.6
East Midlands	2,141	1,150	991	54.8	2.5	39.9	3.3	14.9	1.5
West Midlands	2,691	1,427	1,264	97.0	3.5	71.4	4.7	25.6	2.0
East	2,818	1,489	1,329	57.2	2.0	41.0	2.6	16.2	1.2
London	4,700	2,581	2,119	129.2	2.7	89.2	3.4	40.0	1.9
South East	4,354	2,280	2,074	67.4	1.5	48.5	2.1	18.9	0.9
South West	2,655	1,367	1,288	39.9	1.5	28.7	2.0	11.2	0.9
England	26,479	14,048	12,431	683.0	2.5	496.7	3.4	186.3	1.5
Wales	1,370	714	656	40.9	2.8	30.6	4.0	10.3	1.5
Scotland	2,692	1,397	1,295	70.7	2.6	53.0	3.6	17.7	1.4
Great Britain	30,541	16,159	14,381	794.6	2.5	580.3	3.4	214.3	1.5
Northern Ireland	845	450	395	24.7	2.8	19.1	4.0	5.6	1.4
United Kingdom	31,386	16,609	14,777	819.3	2.5	599.4	3.5	219.9	1.5

Changes on period (period specified below):

	Employer Surveys ¹			Jobcentre Plus administrative system ¹					
	Civilian workforce jobs (Change on March 2007); not seasonally adjusted			Claimant count ² (Change on April 2008); seasonally adjusted					
	Total	Men	Women	Total		Men		Women	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Rate (%) ³ 5	Level 6	Rate (%) ³ 7	Level 8	Rate (%) ³ 9
North East	16	4	12	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
North West	12	-3	15	1.4	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Yorkshire & the Humber	11	4	6	1.1	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.0
East Midlands	-5	-5	-1	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
West Midlands	7	9	-2	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.0
East	27	-1	28	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0
London	45	28	17	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0
South East	63	29	34	1.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.0
South West	61	37	24	0.8	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0
England	237	103	134	7.6	0.0	6.1	0.0	1.5	0.0
Wales	-17	-6	-10	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Scotland	39	18	21	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0
Great Britain	259	115	144	8.8	0.0	6.9	0.0	1.9	0.0
Northern Ireland	1	-3	4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
United Kingdom	261	112	148	9.0	0.0	7.1	0.1	1.9	0.0

Relationship between columns: 1= 2+3; 4= 6+8.

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1. Workforce jobs are tabulated by region of workplace. Claimant count is tabulated by region of claimant's residence.
2. Count of claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance.
3. Denominator = Claimant count + Workforce jobs.

Further regional and local area Labour Market statistics are available. See Background Note 1 for details.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUMMARY

19 International comparisons

As published by EUROSTAT: (not seasonally adjusted)					As published by EUROSTAT: 30 May 2008 (seasonally adjusted)					
	Latest period	Employment rate (%) ^{1,2}	Change on year %		Latest Period	Unemployment rate (%) ³	Change on period %	Change on year %		
European Union (EU)					European Union (EU)					
Austria	YXSN	Oct-Dec 07	71.3	0.7	Austria	ZXDS	Apr 08	4.2	0.1	-0.3
Belgium	YXSO	Oct-Dec 07	62.7	0.6	Belgium	ZXDI	Apr 08	6.9	0.0	-1.0
Bulgaria	A495	Oct-Dec 07	62.9	3.1	Bulgaria	A492	Apr 08	5.5	-0.4	-1.8
Cyprus	A4AC	Oct-Dec 07	71.5	1.1	Cyprus	A4AN	Apr 08	3.6	0.0	-0.5
Czech Republic	A4AD	Oct-Dec 07	66.5	0.9	Czech Republic	A4AO	Apr 08	4.4	-0.1	-1.2
Denmark	YXSP	Oct-Dec 07	77.4	-0.5	Denmark	ZXDJ	Apr 08	2.7	-0.3	-1.2
Estonia	A4AE	Oct-Dec 07	69.1	1.0	Estonia	A4AP	Apr 08	4.1	-0.1	-0.9
Finland	YXSQ	Oct-Dec 07	69.9	0.9	Finland	ZXDU	Apr 08	6.0	-0.1	-0.9
France	YXSR	Oct-Dec 07	64.9	1.0	France	ZXDN	Apr 08	7.8	0.0	-0.7
Germany	YXSS	Oct-Dec 07	70.0	1.7	Germany	ZXDK	Apr 08	7.4	0.0	-1.1
Greece	YXST	Oct-Dec 07	61.5	0.5	Greece	ZXDL	2007 Q4	7.9	-0.3	-0.7
Hungary	A4AF	Oct-Dec 07	57.1	-0.5	Hungary	A4AQ	Apr 08	7.6	0.0	0.5
Ireland	YXSU	Oct-Dec 07	69.0	0.3	Ireland	ZXDO	Apr 08	5.7	0.1	1.1
Italy	YXSV	Oct-Dec 07	58.7	0.2	Italy	ZXDP	2007 Q4	6.1	0.0	-0.3
Latvia	A4AG	Oct-Dec 07	70.3	2.9	Latvia	A4AR	Apr 08	5.1	-0.1	-0.9
Lithuania	A4AH	Oct-Dec 07	64.4	0.9	Lithuania	A4AS	Apr 08	4.4	-0.2	-0.1
Luxembourg	YXSW	Oct-Dec 07	64.4	0.8	Luxembourg	ZXDQ	Apr 08	4.7	0.1	-0.1
Malta	A4AI	Oct-Dec 07	55.7	0.6	Malta	A4AT	Apr 08	5.7	0.0	-0.8
Netherlands	YXSX	Oct-Dec 07	76.4	1.4	Netherlands	ZXDR	Apr 08	2.8	0.0	-0.5
Poland	A4AJ	Oct-Dec 07	58.1	2.4	Poland	A4AU	Apr 08	7.7	-0.1	-2.4
Portugal	YXSX	Oct-Dec 07	68.1	0.5	Portugal	ZXDT	Apr 08	7.4	0.0	-0.8
Romania	A494	Oct-Dec 07	57.9	0.5	Romania	A48Z	2007 Q4	6.2	-0.1	-1.0
Slovak Republic	A4AK	Oct-Dec 07	61.6	1.4	Slovak Republic	A4AV	Apr 08	10.0	0.1	-1.4
Slovenia	A4AL	Oct-Dec 07	67.7	1.7	Slovenia	A4AW	Apr 08	4.0	-0.3	-0.8
Spain	YXSZ	Oct-Dec 07	65.5	0.3	Spain	ZXDM	Apr 08	9.6	0.3	1.5
Sweden	YXTA	Oct-Dec 07	74.0	0.8	Sweden	ZXDV	Apr 08	5.4	-0.2	-1.0
United Kingdom	ANZ6	Oct-Dec 07	71.7	0.2	United Kingdom ⁴	ZXDW	Feb 08	5.0	0.0	-0.5
Total EU⁵	A496	Oct-Dec 07	65.7	0.9	Total EU⁵	A493	Apr 08	6.7	0.0	-0.5
Eurozone ⁵	YXTC	Oct-Dec 07	66.0	0.9	Eurozone ⁵	ZXDH	Apr 08	7.1	0.0	-0.4
As published by national statistical offices					As published by national statistical offices (seasonally adjusted)					
Canada (NSA)	IUUK	Jan-Mar 08	72.6	0.5	Canada	ZXDZ	May 08	6.1	0.0	0.1
Japan (NSA)	YXTF	Jan-Mar 08	70.0	0.3	Japan	ZXDY	Apr 08	4.0	0.2	0.2
United Kingdom (SA)	MGSU	Feb-Apr 08	74.9	0.5	United Kingdom ⁴	MGSX	Feb-Apr 08	5.3	0.1	-0.2
United States (NSA)	YXTE	Jan-Mar 08	71.6	-0.5	United States	ZXDZ	May 08	5.5	0.5	1.0

Sources: Eurostat, StatsBLS, StatCan and Stat.go.JP.
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1. The UK employment rate shown in the lower part of the table - as published by the Office for National Statistics - is seasonally adjusted; all other employment rates are unadjusted.

2. All employment rates for EU countries published by EUROSTAT (including the rate for the UK) are based on the population aged 15-64. The rates for Canada and Japan are also based on the population aged 15-64, but the rate for the US is for those aged 16-64. The employment rate for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics is based on the working age population aged 16-64 (men) and 16-59 (women) and therefore takes account of both the current school leaving age and state pension ages.

5. The "Total EU" series consists of all 27 EU countries. The Eurozone series consists of the following EU countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain.

3. Unemployment rates published by EUROSTAT for most EU countries (but not for the UK), are calculated by extrapolating from the most recent LFS data using monthly registered unemployment data. A standard population basis (15-74) is used by EUROSTAT except for Spain and the UK (16-74). The unemployment rate for the US is based on those aged 16 and over, but the rates for Canada and Japan are for those aged 15 and over. All unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted.

4. The unemployment rate for the UK published by EUROSTAT is based on the population aged 16-74 whilst the unemployment rate for the UK published by the Office for National Statistics is based on those aged 16 and over. There are other minor definitional differences.

LABOUR DISPUTES

20 Labour disputes

United Kingdom, not seasonally adjusted

		Working days lost (thousands)		Workers involved (thousands) ¹
		BBFW	BLUU	
2006	Apr	3	10	2
2007	Apr	3	10	3
	May	111	13	124
	Jun	90	20	99
	Jul	187	26	96
	Aug	87	27	82
	Sep	8	20	8
	Oct	327	24	297
	Nov	17	10	5
	Dec	68	6	43
2008	Jan (p)	4	10	3
	Feb (p)	12	10	14
	Mar (p)	67	9	39
	Apr (p)	142	14	149
Cumulative totals 12 months to:				
Apr 08	(p)	1,121	144	757
Apr 07	(r)	325	144	237

Data source: ONS Labour Disputes Inquiry
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1. The latest 12 month cumulative totals for these columns will not necessarily equal the sum of the 12 months as some disputes continue for over one month. These disputes appear in each month's data, but only once in the total.

VACANCIES

21 Vacancies¹

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

		Monthly estimates		Average for three months ending in month shown	
		Level		Vacancy ratio ²	
		AP2X		AP2Y	AP2Z
2006	May	583.4		588.9	2.3
2007	May (r)	642.3		643.4	2.5
	Jun	659.8		646.5	2.5
	Jul	669.8		655.2	2.5
	Aug	657.8		663.3	2.5
	Sep	670.0		666.0	2.6
	Oct	673.8		667.8	2.6
	Nov	679.6		674.7	2.6
	Dec	675.3		675.6	2.6
2008	Jan	675.9		676.1	2.6
	Feb (r)	688.6		678.5	2.6
	Mar (r)	692.0		691.2	2.7
	Apr (r)	673.1		685.3	2.6
	May (p)	671.0		678.6	2.6
Change from 3 months ago		-17.6		0.1	0.0
Change %		-2.6		0.0	
Change on year		28.7		35.2	0.1
Change %		4.5		5.5	

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

2. Ratio of vacancies per 100 employee jobs.

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The three month averages shown differ slightly from the corresponding averages of individual monthly estimates. This is because the two series have been seasonally adjusted independently.

22 Vacancies by industry

Standard Industrial Classification (2003)

United Kingdom (thousands), seasonally adjusted

Averages for 3 months ending

SIC2003 sections	All vacancies ¹ C-O	Energy and water ² C, E	Manu- facturing D	Construction F	Distribution, hotels & restaurants G-H	Transport & comm- unications I	Finance & business services J-K	Education, health & public admin ³ L-N	Other services ² O	Total services G-O
Levels (thousands)										
May 06	588.9	4.1	49.5	19.1	163.0	38.1	150.3	131.3	33.5	516.2
May 07 (r)	643.4	4.1	53.6	18.3	186.3	42.6	167.4	137.8	33.4	567.5
Jun 07	646.5	4.0	52.0	18.8	185.5	42.7	170.3	140.0	33.1	571.6
Jul 07	655.2	4.0	54.0	21.4	184.1	44.0	172.6	141.7	33.2	575.6
Aug 07	663.3	4.0	54.9	22.8	186.3	46.2	175.6	144.1	29.3	581.5
Sep 07	666.0	4.0	56.6	24.1	183.5	49.6	172.1	145.0	31.1	581.3
Oct 07	667.8	3.9	57.1	23.8	183.8	48.7	169.3	149.0	32.2	583.0
Nov 07	674.7	3.9	56.4	23.6	186.2	48.0	169.4	153.7	33.7	591.0
Dec 07	675.6	3.9	57.0	23.3	190.2	47.5	170.0	155.4	28.2	591.3
Jan 08	676.1	4.2	57.9	22.8	195.6	46.7	169.1	153.7	26.2	591.3
Feb 08 (r)	678.5	4.7	57.8	23.5	196.5	46.3	168.4	152.5	28.8	592.5
Mar 08 (r)	691.2	4.9	57.4	23.8	199.7	47.7	166.8	155.6	35.2	605.0
Apr 08 (r)	685.3	5.2	54.8	24.6	196.6	46.7	164.6	157.0	35.8	600.7
May 08 (p)	678.6	5.1	53.7	24.2	191.5	47.3	162.4	158.7	35.7	595.6
Change from 3 months ago		0.1	0.4	-4.1	0.7	-5.0	1.0	-6.0	6.2	3.1
Change %		0.0	8.5	-7.1	3.0	-2.5	2.2	-3.6	4.1	0.5
Change on year		35.2	1.0	0.1	5.9	5.2	4.7	-5.0	20.9	28.1
Change %		5.5	24.4	0.2	32.2	2.8	11.0	-3.0	15.2	5.0
Ratio per 100 employee jobs										
May 06	2.3	2.3	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.4	2.9	1.9	2.4	2.4
May 07 (r)	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.4	2.9	2.7	3.2	2.0	2.4	2.7
Jun 07	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.5	2.9	2.7	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Jul 07	2.5	2.3	1.7	1.7	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.1	2.4	2.7
Aug 07	2.5	2.3	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.0	3.4	2.1	2.1	2.7
Sep 07	2.6	2.3	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.3	2.1	2.3	2.7
Oct 07	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.2	2.3	2.7
Nov 07	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	2.9	3.1	3.3	2.3	2.5	2.8
Dec 07	2.6	2.2	1.7	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	2.1	2.8
Jan 08	2.6	2.4	1.8	1.8	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.3	1.9	2.8
Feb 08 (r)	2.6	2.7	1.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.2	2.1	2.8
Mar 08 (r)	2.7	2.8	1.8	1.9	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
Apr 08 (r)	2.6	2.9	1.7	1.9	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.3	2.6	2.8
May 08 (p)	2.6	2.9	1.6	1.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	2.3	2.6	2.8
Change from 3 months ago		0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Change on year		0.1	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.1

1. Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

Source: ONS Vacancy Survey.

2. Not seasonally adjusted. 'Energy and water' and 'Other services' do not display seasonality. Therefore the unadjusted series is the best estimate of a 'seasonally adjusted' series.

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

REDUNDANCIES

23 Redundancies: levels and rates¹

United Kingdom (seasonally adjusted)

	People		Men		Women	
	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹	Level (000s)	Rate ¹
	BEAO	BEIR	BEIU	BEIX	BEJA	BEJD
Feb-Apr 2006	148	5.9	102	8.0	45	3.7
Feb-Apr 2007	129	5.1	83	6.5	46	3.7
May-Jul 2007	120	4.8	72	5.6	48	4.0
Aug-Oct 2007	132	5.2	77	5.9	55	4.5
Nov-Jan 2008	112	4.4	70	5.4	41	3.4
Feb-Apr 2008	110	4.3	68	5.2	42	3.4
<i>Change on quarter</i>	-2	-0.1	-2	-0.2	0	0.0
<i>Change %</i>	-1.7		-3.0		0.6	
<i>Change on year</i>	-19	-0.8	-15	-1.2	-4	-0.4
<i>Change %</i>	-15.0		-18.2		-9.2	

1. The redundancy rate is based on the ratio of the redundancy level for the given quarter to the number of employees in the previous quarter, multiplied by 1,000.

Source: Labour Force Survey
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The Labour Force Survey is a survey of the population of private households, student halls of residence and NHS accommodation. See Concepts and Definitions.

24 Redundancies by industry¹

United Kingdom (thousands), not seasonally adjusted

SIC 2003 sections	All redundancies ²	Agriculture, fishing, energy & water (A-C,E)	Manufacturing industries (D)	Construction (F)	Distribution, hotels and restaurants (G,H)	Transport and communication (I)	Finance and business services (J-K)	Education, health & public administration ³ (L-N)	Total services ⁴ (G-O)
People	BEYV	BEAJ	BEAK	BEAL	BEBJ	BEBV	BEBW	BEAP	BEBU
Jan-Mar 2006	148	*	38	21	31	13	25	*	84
Jan-Mar 2007	153	*	41	17	36	10	28	11	93
Apr-Jun 2007	116	*	30	10	25	10	18	13	72
Jul-Sep 2007	128	*	37	*	27	10	31	14	82
Oct-Dec 2007	110	*	28	10	24	*	23	11	71
Jan-Mar 2008	120	*	29	17	21	*	26	11	73
<i>Change on year</i>	-33	*	-11	0	-16	*	-3	0	-20
<i>Change %</i>	-21.6	*	-28.1	0.5	-43.4	*	-10.1	-4.1	-21.1

1. Further redundancy data are available at www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=9474

Source: Labour Force Survey

2. The level of each industry may not sum to the total as all redundancies includes those people who did not state their industry.

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3. Includes both public and private sectors.

4. Other Services are not shown separately in this table as the sample size is too small to provide reliable redundancy estimates.

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